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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, 09 May 2018:** Labour Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Labour.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Fifty-five Palestinians killed and thousands injured in Gaza, 14 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34318

- Concern about the humanitarian impact of a prolonged closure of the Kerem Shalom crossing for goods, following recent damage, 13 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34309

- One Palestinian killed and hundreds injured in Gaza during ongoing demonstrations, 11 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34307

- Protection of Civilians Report, 24 April – 7 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34305

- oPt Humanitarian Fund Annual Report – 2017, 11 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34303

- Humanitarian snapshot: Mass casualties in the context of demonstrations in the Gaza strip, 8 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34296

- No Palestinian fatalities but hundreds reported injured in Gaza during continuing demonstrations along the fence with Israel, 4 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34291

- OCHA Monthly Humanitarian Bulletin, April 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34298

- **WHO**

  - WHO Special Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza 5th May– 11th May 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34316

  - WHO Special Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 29th April – 4th May 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34297

ILO

- The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories, 14 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34321 (in English)
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34322 (in Arabic)

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

Statement by the Office of the Prime Minister – Nakba at 70 Years, 14 May 2018

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018, marks seventy years of the Nakba, a living catastrophe that is still happening through the continuation of the Israeli military occupation of our land. The Nakba represents a series of collective tragedies which resulted in the destruction of at least 418 villages and the forced displacement of 70 percent of our people. The Nakba led to the creation of an entire system of oppression, thus culminating in today's military occupation of our land.

The full statement is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34314

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr0ykA9PH_w (Video on 70 years of Palestinian Nakba)

UN

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General on the occupied Palestinian territory, 14 May 2018

The Secretary-General is profoundly alarmed by the sharp escalation of violence in the occupied Palestinian territory and the high number of Palestinians killed and injured in the Gaza protests.

Israel security forces must exercise maximum restraint in the use of live fire.

Hamas and the leaders of the demonstrations have a responsibility to prevent all violent actions and provocations.

The full statement is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34319

UNRWA

Turkish President expresses strong support to UNRWA in meeting with Commissioner-General, 8 May 2018

The President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan, today received Commissioner-General, Pierre Krähenbühl, to mark his strong support for the mandate and activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

This important meeting took place at a time when Palestine refugees face dramatic circumstances in the Middle East, particularly in Syria, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34294 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34295 (in Arabic)

UNESCO – OHCHR

Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and Rule of Law is the global theme for this year's celebration of UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day 2018 marking its 25th anniversary, 2 May 2018

Ramallah, Gaza – On 2 May 2018, the Office of the United Nations Higher Commission of Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrated World Press Freedom Day through a debate sessions Ramallah and in Gaza held around the themes of "Protection and violations" and of "Governance and Human Rights".

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34287 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34288 (in Arabic)

UNESCO

UNESCO, Consulate General of Sweden in Jerusalem and the Municipality of Hebron, celebrated the rehabilitation of Khan Shahin Street in the Old Town of Hebron, 10 May 2018

On 10 May 2018, UNESCO and Consulate General of Sweden in Jerusalem celebrated the finalization of the infrastructural rehabilitation of Khan Shahin Street in the Old Town of Hebron with the residents of the city and its institutions including the Municipality of Hebron and the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34306

World Press Freedom Day 2018: Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and the Rule of Law, 1 May 2018

Paris, 27 April—May 3 will mark the 25th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day whose flagship celebration, organized by UNESCO and the government of Ghana, will be held in Accra, from 2 to 3 May, with the participation of the country's President Nana Akufo-Addo.

The theme chosen for this year's World Press Freedom Day is "Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and the Rule of Law."

The full media advisory is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34279

UNICEF

Statement attributable to Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa – Gaza's children deserve much better, 4 May 2018

AMMAN, 4 May, 2018 – "Over the past five weeks, five children were killed and hundreds were injured in largely peaceful protests in Gaza.

"Power cuts and shortages of fuel, medicine and equipment are straining an already fragile health system and complicating access to treatment for the injured.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34289 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34290 (in Arabic)

UN Women

Ministry of Women's Affairs and Government of Canada Launch a Flagship Programme to Eliminate Violence Against Women in the West Bank and Gaza, 8 May 2018

Ramallah, May 08, 2018 – In an official ceremony yesterday, the Ministry of Women's Affairs, and the Government of Canada launched a new flagship programme, "HAYA: Eliminating Violence Against Women in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (2018 – 2022)" along with four partner UN agencies, UN Women, UNFPA, UN Habitat, and UNODC.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34292 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34293 (in Arabic)

WFP

Switzerland supports WFP in helping vulnerable Gazan families cope with increased hardships, 10 May 2018

JERUSALEM – The Government of Switzerland, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, has provided the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) with a generous contribution of CHF1.5 million (approximately US$1.5 million) to provide much-needed food assistance to Palestinians facing hardship.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34301 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34302 (in Arabic)

OCHA

Humanitarian Coordinator calls for protection of Palestinians during demonstrations in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, 13 May 2018

The Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, today called for the protection of Palestinians, particularly children and health workers, in the context of demonstrations taking place in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and for demonstrators to refrain from actions that prevent the functioning of the main entry point for humanitarian goods to the Gaza Strip.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34308

WHO

Following events in Gaza and the death of a health worker, WHO reiterates its calls for the protection of all health staff and facilities, 14 May 2018

14th May 2018 – WHO is saddened and shocked to learn of the death of a health worker during demonstrations in Gaza today, in addition to the already dozens killed and hundreds wounded. WHO reiterates its calls for the protection of all health workers and health facilities.

Since the start of the demonstrations in Gaza on 30th March, WHO has documented a growing number of attacks on health facilities and health personnel.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34315

EU

Celebrating Europe Day in Palestine, 10 May 2018

The Office of the European Union Representative celebrated the 68th anniversary of Europe Day through four events that were held in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Gaza.

On 08 and 09 May 2018, the EU celebrated Europe Day in Jerusalem and Ramallah with hundreds of Palestinian and international partners working towards a peaceful resolution of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34304

Local EU statement on the demolitions by Israeli authorities of EU funded structures in Masafer Yatta (Area C), 10 May 2018

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah express strong concern about the demolition and seizure by the Israeli authorities of several Palestinian-owned structures in four Palestinian communities located in the Masafer Yatta area in Area C of the occupied West Bank, on 2 May 2018. Several of these structures were funded by the EU and EU Member States.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34299 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34300 (in Arabic)

Consulate General of Italy

Jericho: Opening of the Training Session for female members in the Palestinian Security Forces and Conference on the Role of Women in Armed Forces, 2 May 2018

The training session for female members of the Palestinian security forces, held by the Carabinieri of the Miadit training mission, opened today in Jericho, at the Central Training Institute. The cycle was opened by the Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem, Fabio Sokolowicz, together with the representatives of the Carabinieri of the Miadit mission and representatives of the Palestinian Security Forces.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34286

Representative Office of Ireland

Statement issued by the Tánaiste, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, Simon Coveney TD on events in Gaza, 14 May 2018

The Tánaiste said, "Over the last weeks, I have repeatedly expressed my dismay at the on-going deaths of Palestinians in Gaza due to Israel's use of live ammunition in response to demonstrations. I am profoundly shocked that already this morning, dozens more people have been shot dead by Israeli forces. Thousands more have suffered life-changing injuries.

The full statement is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34317

Representative Office of Germany

Statement by the German Federal Foreign Office on the protests in the Gaza Strip, 14 May 2018

We are shocked and deeply concerned by the reports on today's protests in Gaza, in which dozens of people have been killed or injured.

The right to peaceful protest must also apply in Gaza. At the same time, we have always made clear that this right must not be abused, taken as a pretext or exploited in order to escalate the situation, deploy violence or incite others to do so.

The full statement is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34320

PCBS

Palestinian Consumer Price Index (CPI) during April 2018, 14 May 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during April 2018 increased by 0.32% compared with March 2018 (by 0.70% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.57% in the West Bank, while it slightly decreased by 0.31% in Gaza Strip).

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34312 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34313 (in Arabic)

Ms. Ola Awad, President of the PCBS, reviews the conditions of the Palestinian people via statistical figures and findings, on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, 13 May 2018

The number of Palestinians worldwide has doubled about nine-times, Israeli Occupation Controls More than 85% of the Land of Historical Palestine.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34310 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34311 (in Arabic)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during March 2018, 3 May 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 105.17 during March 2018 with an increase of 4.81% compared to February 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34284 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34285 (in Arabic)

The Palestinian & the Norwegian Governments Sign a Mutual Agreement to Support the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2 May 2018

Ramallah, 02/05/2018 - The Palestinian government, represented by H.E Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Shukri Bishara, and the Norwegian government, represented by H.E. Ms. Hilde Haraldstad, Representative of the Office of Norway to the Palestinian Authority, Signed an agreement to support the Palestinian statistical program of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, PCBS for the period of 2018-2020. The new agreement has a total budget of US $ 2.71 million.

The full press release is availabe at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34282 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34283 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 May 2018**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_140/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_140/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)
- **Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, April 2018**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34256

Announcements

- **Call for Proposal - Canada is launching two small-project funding initiatives: the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives and the Canada Feminist Fund.**
  For further details, please see attachments in English, Arabic and French