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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 Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 25 June 2018:** Justice Sector Working Group Meeting at 10:00 at the Grand Park Hotel – Mahmoud Darwish Hall (-1) Floor.

Documents & Reports

Palestinian Water Authority

- National Water Sector Strategic Plan and Action Plan (2017 – 2022)
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34411 (English)
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34412 (Arabic)

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status, May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34443
- Humanitarian snapshot – Casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 12 June 2018
  https://www.ochaopt.org/content/humanitarian-snapshot-casualties-context-demonstrations-and-hostilities-gaza-30-march-12
- Gaza Strip: Early Warning Indicators, May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34434
- Humanitarian snapshot: Casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 7 June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34429
- Four Palestinians killed and over 600 injured in Gaza during continuing demonstrations along the fence with Israel, 8 June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34428
- Protection of Civilians, 22 May – 4 June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34425
- Humanitarian Bulletin, May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34416
- Humanitarian snapshot: Mass casualties in the context of demonstrations in the Gaza Strip, 31 May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34395

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 3 – 7 June 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34438
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 27 –31May 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34415

- **WHO**
  - WHO Special Situation Report – occupied Palestinian territory – Gaza, 30 May – 3 June 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34422

- **UNFPA**
  - GBV Sub Cluster Palestine Situation Report – Impact of the Great March of Return on Gender –based Violence, 8 June 2018
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34431

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Government Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 12 June 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet headed by PM Dr. Rami Hamdallah condemned the continued Israeli crimes against the Palestinian unarmed protesters after the US veto, especially the killing of the 21 years old Palestinian youth, Izz Al-Din Tamimi. The Cabinet considered the extrajudicial killings of Palestinians a war crime against humanity upon international laws.

Further, The Palestinian Government expressed its full support to the Palestinian leadership efforts to appeal to the UN General Assembly to hold its emergency meeting on providing international protection to Palestinian civilians.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34437

The Palestinian Government Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 5 June 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet, headed by PM Dr. Rami Al- Hamdallah, marked 51 years of the Israeli colonial army expansion to occupy the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem during the June 1967 aggression.

During its weekly meeting, held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet strongly condemned the 1967 illegal Israeli occupation, adding another ongoing catastrophe to the lives of Palestinians through imposing illegal restrictions on citizens, and targeting the core elements of the Palestinian independence, as well as limiting the Palestinian government from achieving its potential.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34420

The Office of the Prime Minister statement on the 51st Anniversary of the Israeli Occupation of Palestinian Land in West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, 4 June 2018

June 5th, 2018 marks the 51st anniversary of the Israeli military occupation of Palestinian land in West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem. Since June 5th, 1967, Israel's unlawful practices and blatant violations have been targeting Palestinian rights of freedom and independence. Military restrictions have been placed on millions of Palestinian citizens as Israel continues to confiscate Palestinian land, and to plunder Palestinian natural resources.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34403

MoTA – UNESCO

The Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) joint statement on the "Decree Law on the Palestinian Tangible Cultural Heritage", 3 June 2018

Ramallah, 3 June 2018. Decree Law no. 11/2018 on Tangible Cultural Heritage entered into force today, after it was signed by President Mahmoud Abbas and published on the official gazette. The promulgation of the Decree Law comes at the culmination of extensive efforts by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA), with the technical and financial support of UNESCO and the efficient participation of civil society organizations specialized in cultural heritage preservation.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34409 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34410 (in Arabic)

OCHA

UN officials call on Israel to abandon plans to demolish and transfer Khan al Ahmar – Abu al Helu community, 1 June 2018

Today, the Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, and the UNRWA Director of Operations in the West Bank, Mr. Scott Anderson, join others in the international community in calling on the Government of Israel to cease its plans to carry out the mass demolition and transfer of the Palestinian Bedouin community of Khan al Ahmar – Abu al Helu, located on the outskirts of East Jerusalem in the occupied West Bank.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34399

WHO

UN agencies deeply concerned over killing of health volunteer in Gaza – Humanitarian Coordinator, WHO, OHCHR and OCHA call for the protection of medical workers, 2 June 2018

United Nations officials and agencies have expressed their outrage in the face of yesterday's killing of Razan An Najjar, a 21-year-old female volunteering as a first responder, while carrying out her humanitarian duties with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS). Razan was hit by live ammunition fired by Israeli forces while trying, with other first responders, to reach those injured during the 'Great March of Return' demonstrations close to Israel's perimeter fence around 18:30.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34401

World Bank

US$16 million for New Projects to Support the Private Sector and Create Opportunities for Palestinians in the Digital Economy, 1 June 2018

Washington, June 1, 2018 – In the face of a struggling economy, repeated conflicts and ongoing fragility, the World Bank has launched two new projects in the Palestinian territories aimed at boosting the digital economy and mobilizing domestic resources for development as sources of much needed opportunities, especially for young men and women. A US$13 million grant will fund the Innovative Private Sector Development Project to support start-ups with access to training and credit, and a US$3 million grant will fund the Public Financial Management Improvement Project to encourage private sector participation in the delivery of public services.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34406

UNRWA

Infant Mortality in Gaza No Longer In Decline – "Alarming Trend" According to New Report by UNRWA, 13 June 2018

According to a new study by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, UNRWA, infant mortality, which in most parts of the world is in decreasing, has not declined for the last decade in Gaza. The

paper entitled "Stalled decline in infant mortality among Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip since 2006" was published today in the Plos One journal.
According to the Director of UNRWA's Health Department, Dr Akihiro Seita, "this is an extraordinary warning sign, an alarming trend in the overall situation not only of health for infants but also the health of entire Palestine refugee population in Gaza.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34439

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Norwegian Government increases humanitarian aid to Gaza, 7 June 2018

In response to the acute humanitarian situation, Norway is providing an additional NOK 15 million in humanitarian aid to Gaza. This funding will be used to purchase medicines and other medical supplies and to increase treatment capacity in Gaza's hospitals.
According to the UN, at least 128 Palestinians have been killed and around 13 000 have been wounded, more than 3 600 of whom have bullet wounds. A large number of the wounded are under the age of 15.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34424

EU – Representative Office of Japan

Japan provides 2 new contributions to the Jericho Agro Industrial Park incentives programme implemented by the EU, 12 June 2018

The Japanese Government has provided over €622.000 to support two companies operating in the Jericho Agro Industrial Park (JAIP): Al Masra, and Dates Kingdom. These companies are the seventh and eighth beneficiaries under the Palestinian Authority's PRIDE (Partnership for Regional Investment, Development & Employment) Programme of Incentives to JAIP. The Japanese contribution is being channelled through the PEGASE mechanism.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34433

EU

EU and Ministry of Social Development conclude Iftar events organized across Palestine during Ramadan, 13 June 2018

The EU and the Palestinian Ministry of Social Development concludes today a series of Iftar events organised during Ramadan for vulnerable families. The final Iftar was hosted by the SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem and brought together children, local officials, and social workers.
The series of Iftar events supported by the European Union started at Khan Al Ahmar (Jerusalem), a Bedouin community that faces an imminent threat of demolition by the Israeli authorities.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34441 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34442 (in Arabic)

The EU provides around €15 million to support families in need in Palestine, 11 June 2018

The European Union made a contribution of €15 million to the Palestinian Authority payment of social allowances to poor families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It will contribute to payments made to around 65,839 families of which 80% live in the Gaza Strip.
The EU's support to the Palestinian Authority cash transfer programme is a commitment to the welfare of vulnerable families in the West Bank and Gaza.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34426 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34427 (in Arabic)

The EU and the Netherlands contribute over €35 million to the PA's payment of May salaries and pensions, 4 June 2018

The European Union is making today a contribution of €35.875 million to the Palestinian Authority's (PA) payment of 55,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank.
This contribution is being funded by the European Union (€35.0 million) and the Netherlands (€0.875 million), with the latter earmarked for civil servants working in the Justice sector.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34404 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34405 (in Arabic)

Representative Office of Germany

Statement by the German Federal Foreign Office on settlement construction in the West Bank, 31 May 2018

A Federal Foreign Office Spokesperson issued the following statement yesterday (31 May) on the imminent demolition of Khan al Ahmar and the construction of settlements in the West Bank:
The Federal Government is extremely concerned that the Bedouin village of Khan al Ahmar could soon be demolished and its inhabitants resettled against their will. Khan al Ahmar is located near the so called E1 area between Jerusalem and the Israeli settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. If settlements were to be constructed here, this would significantly diminish the prospects for a contiguous Palestinian state – and thus also the feasibility of a two state solution.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34402

Consulate General of Belgium

Statement by the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Didier Reynders and the Minister of Development Cooperation Alexander De Croo on the continuing tensions in Israel and the Palestinian territories, 1 June 2018

Ministers Didier Reynders and Alexander De Croo express their grave concern following recent developments on the ground in Israel and the Palestinian territories. The situation, which was already very tense over the last few weeks, has deteriorated on several fronts.

The ministers strongly condemn the recent firing of rockets by extremist groups (Hamas and Islamic Jihad) from Gaza against Israeli communities. Indiscriminate attacks against civilians are unacceptable under any circumstances.

The full statement is available at the following link:

https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/newsroom/news/2018/didier_reynders_and_alexander_de_croo_worried_continuing_tensions_israel_and_palestinian_territories

Consulate General of Italy

Statement by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the risk of demolition of the Bedouin village of Khan Al Ahmar, 5 June 2018

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy closely monitors the latest developments in the West Bank and in particular the risk of imminent demolition of the Bedouin village of Khan Al Ahmar, located in the so-called E1 area between Jerusalem and the Israeli settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and of the so-called "School of Wheels", financed by Italian cooperation, where about 160 young students from five different communities receive education.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34418 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34419 (in Arabic)

Consul of Italy celebrating National Day in Jerusalem in presence of representatives of Palestinian leadership, restates support for two States solution with Jerusalem as capital of both, 4 June 2018

Jerusalem, 4 June 2018. The Consul General of Italy, Fabio Sokolowicz, received from President Mahmoud Abbas a message of warm congratulations to be delivered to the Italian President of the Republic for Italy's National Day. President Abbas, as well as Prime Minister Hamdallah, also congratulated the new Italian Government, headed by HE Mr. Giuseppe Conte.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34417

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation – WHO

Signing a Cost Sharing Agreement related to the Programme "Health System strengthening in the occupied Palestinian territory" for a total amount of 300,000 euro, 13 June 2018

The Italian Cooperation and the WHO signed this morning a Cost Sharing Agreement related to the Programme "Health System strengthening in the occupied Palestinian territory" for a total amount of 300,000 euro. The initiative will ensure continuity with the ongoing WHO project funded by AICS Jerusalem in 2017 for 700,000 euro and aimed at strengthening the health system toward universal health coverage.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34440

Consulate General of Spain

Consulate General of Spain statement on "Construction of Settlement Homes", 7 June 2018

Spain considers the settlements in occupied territories to be illegal according to International Law, as set out in Resolution 2334 of the UN Security Council, and that they constitute an obstacle to peace.

The Government also laments the imminent demolition of the Khan Al Ahmar Bedouin community, after the exhaustion of all legal attempts to prevent the demolition.

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34423

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) – Environment Quality Authority

World Environment Day (WED), 4 June 2018

World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations' principal mechanism for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Over the years it has grown to be a broad, global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated by stakeholders in more than 100 countries. It also serves as the "people's day" for doing something positive for the environment, galvanizing individual actions into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact on the planet.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34407 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34408 (in Arabic)

Consulate General of France

Statement by the spokesperson of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Jordan/Palestinian Territories: Emergency humanitarian aid, 13 June 2018

Today France is donating medical equipment to the Jordanian military hospital in Gaza. The equipment, which includes stretchers, surgical beds, an ECG machine, measuring instruments, and surgical and anesthetic equipment will be transported from Jordan to the Gaza Strip in the coming days.

This operation reflects France's commitment to resolving the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip. It supplements France's support for two French NGOs that provide emergency medical care in Gaza, Médecins du Monde and Humanité et Inclusion, bringing the total amount to €300,000.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34444

Statement by the spokesperson of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Palestinian Territories: abolition of the death penalty (June 6), 13 June 2018

France welcomes the signing of the Protocol on the Abolition of the Death Penalty by the Palestinian Authority on June 6.

France reaffirms its unwavering opposition to the death penalty everywhere and in all circumstances and its resolute commitment to the universal abolition of this unjust, inhuman, ineffective punishment.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34445

PCBS

Palestinian Consumer Price Index (CPI) during May 2018, 13 June 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during May 2018 decreased by 0.41% compared with April 2018 (by 0.94% in Gaza Strip, while it increased by 0.31% in Jerusalem J1, and by 0.22% in the West Bank).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34435 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34436 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during April 2018, 5 June 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 101.65 during April 2018 with a decrease of 3.34% compared to March 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for April 2018 decreased due to the sharp decrease in the activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 19.11% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation by 16.15% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, and the activities of Manufacturing Industry by 2.43% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the activities of Mining and Quarrying increased by 3.71% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34413 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34414 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, June 2018**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34430

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 June 2018**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_141/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm
  (in English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_141/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm
  (in Arabic)

Job Vacancies

- **The Representative Office of Mexico to the Palestinian National Authority is seeking an Administrative Assistant (Jerusalem ID/Palestinian).**
  For more details, please see attachment

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Saad Halawani** has joined the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) as National Programme Officer. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Willem Molenaar** has joined the Representative Office of Netherlands as First Secretary – Movement and Trade. His contact details are as follows:
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