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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

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

Aid Coordination Meetings

❖ **Minutes of the Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting, 4 June 2018**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34478

- Speech of H.E. Dr. Sufyan Sultan / Minister of Agriculture at ASWG meeting, 4 June 2018

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34480

- Consul General of Spain Speech at the ASWG meeting, 4 June 2018

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34479

Documents & Reports

Office of the Prime Minister

- Key Achievements of PM Al-Hamdallah Government- Part 2: The so-called "Area C", 21 June 2018

http://www.palgov.ps/en/article/110/Key-Achievements-of-PM-Al-Hamdallah-Government--Part-2-The-so-called-"Area-C"

- Info-Graphic – Area C

https://bit.ly/2KoEOTB

- Info -Graphic – Austerity Program

https://bit.ly/2Jq4trj

United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- Protection of Civilians Report, 5-18 June 2018

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34458

- West Bank demolitions and displacement, May 2018

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34453

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status, May 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34443

❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 17 – 21 June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34461
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 10 – 14 June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34454 \

❖ WHO

- WHO Special Situation Report, occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 12 –26 June 2018 http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34468

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 26 June 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet hails the Palestinian national decision as the only route for achieving a just and lasting peace, deplores US withdrawal from UN Human Rights Council and praises Arab countries for supporting the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

During its weekly meeting held Tuesday in Ramallah, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah, hailed the Palestinian national decision, led by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), as the only route for achieving a just and lasting peace and condemned the US withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34467

UN

Briefing by Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to the Security Council in the Middle East, reporting on UNSCR 2334 (2016), 19 June 2018

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I devote my regular briefing on the situation in the Middle East to presenting the sixth report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2334 (2016). As you have received the report already, I will highlight some of the developments on the ground and ongoing United Nations efforts in response. Please note that all developments are taking place in the broader context of continued military occupation of the Palestinian territory, uncertainties about the future of the peace process and the two-state solution, as well as instability and continued turmoil in the region.

The full briefing is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34449

UNRWA

Malaysian Prime Minister Renews His Support for Palestine Refugees and UNRWA in a Meeting with Deputy Commissioner-General, 27 June 2018

The Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Malaysia, His Excellency Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, today received Deputy Commissioner-General, Sandra Mitchell, to renew his strong support for Palestine refugees and the role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34472 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34473 (in Arabic)

Strong Support for UNRWA at its Annual Pledging Conference, 25 June 2018

The Pledging Conference was a very positive event sustaining momentum in addressing the remaining shortfall of US$ 250 million of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), which could critically affect the vital UNRWA services to Palestine refugees. UN Member States expressed strong political support for UNRWA, its mandate and staff, and its critical services to Palestine refugees.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34466 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34465 (in Arabic)

Advisory Commission meets to discuss global support for UNRWA amid unprecedented financial crisis, 19 June 2018

The Advisory Commission of UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) met in Jordan on 18-19 June to discuss support for the Agency, as it continues with energetic efforts to meet the needs of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and West Bank (including East Jerusalem), Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34450

UN Women

Healing from trauma in conflict-affected Gaza, 19 June 2018

There are 1.9 million people living in Gaza and 72 per cent of them are refugees. Samia Asaf and her family have lived as refugees across three generations now. After a devastating injury, Asaf found her bearings through a UN Women-supported programme. Today she is an inspiration to many others.

The full story is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34457

Consulate General of Belgium

Belgium raises UNRWA contributions to let schools reopen after the summer holidays, 25 June 2018

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation Alexander De Croo has decided to grant an additional € 4 million in humanitarian aid to UNRWA, the UN agency responsible for distributing humanitarian aid to more than 5 million Palestinian refugees in the Middle East. This new support brings Belgian aid to the UNRWA to more than € 11 million this year. With this support, Belgium wants UNRWA schools to reopen their doors to more than half a million Palestinian children after the summer holidays.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34462

Consulate General of Italy

Italy increases its annual contribution to UNRWA to support the Agency's activities on the ground, 26 June 2018

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to grant an additional 5 million Euros to UNRWA, for projects in the sectors of health, education and socio-economic development in Lebanon and in Palestine. This announcement was made at the UNRWA Annual Pledging Conference in New York. It follows the pledge made at the UNRWA Ministerial Meeting that took place on the 15th or March, in Rome, where Italy announced an increase of 1.5 million Euros in humanitarian aid to UNRWA.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34469

Representative Office of Germany

Germany and Islamic Development Bank support Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem, 28 June 2018

Very soon cancer patients from the Palestinian territories can benefit from a new modern diagnosis apparatus, financed by Germany and the Islamic Development Bank. Under the auspices of Mr. Peter Beerwerth, the German Representative in Ramallah and Mr. Hani Abu Diab, Special Advisor to the Islamic Development Bank the CEO of the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem, Mr. Walid V. Nammour, and the representative of the Lutheran World Federation, Ms. Pauliina Parhiala, received a PET/CT scanner which allows modern cancer diagnosis.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34477 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34481 (in Arabic)

PCBS – PMA

Results Announcement – International Investment Position & External Debt – First Quarter, 2018

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the International Investment Position (IIP), and External Debt statistics for Palestine as of end of the first quarter 2018.

The primary results of the IIP (external assets – foreign liabilities) for Palestine at the end of first quarter 2018 revealed that the net IIP amounted to about USD 1,054 million, which means that the

Palestinian economy's investments outside Palestine outweighs investments in Palestine from abroad.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34455 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34456 (in Arabic)

Preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments – First Quarter 2018 – Deficit in Current Account is USD 442.1 Million, 25 June 2018

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP) for the first quarter of 2018 under the joint issuance cycle for the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP). It should be noted that the data excludes those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel occupation in 1967.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34459 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34460 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Ms. Ola Awad, President of PCBS provided H.E Dr. Rami al-Hamadallah with the annual report of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2017, 1 July 2018

Ms. Awad briefed the Prime Minister on the main highlights of the annual report, which included PCBS' main achievements and success stories over the past year. The main highlight for 2017 was the implementation of the Population, Housing and Establishment Census, in addition to the Census of Palestinian camps and gatherings in Lebanon.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34482 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34483 (in Arabic)

Palestinian Producer Price Index – May 2018, 28 June 2018

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015 = 100) reached 103.94 in May 2018, as it increased by 0.37% compared to April 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34475 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34476 (in Arabic)

Increase in GDP at constant prices in Palestine during the 1st quarter 2018 compared to the parallel quarter (1st quarter 2017), 27 June 2018

Preliminary estimates at constant prices showed an increase of 2% in GDP in Palestine during the 1st quarter 2018 compared to the 1st quarter 2017, (increase 4.8% in the West Bank and decrease

6% in Gaza Strip compared to the 1st quarter 2017). And it showed a decrease of 2.8% in Palestine compared to the 4th quarter 2017 at constant prices, meanwhile the base year is 2015.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34470 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34471 (in Arabic)

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during May 2018, 26 June 2018

Slight Increase in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for residential buildings reached 105.89 with a slight increase of 0.01% in the West Bank during May 2018 compared with April 2018 (base year 2013 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34463 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34464 (in Arabic)

The International Day of Refugees 2018 – Ethnic cleansing, displacement of Palestinians and settler colonization, 20 June 2018

Nakba in Palestine describes a process of ethnic cleansing in which an unarmed nation was destroyed and its population displaced systematically by another nation. The Nakba resulted in the displacement of 800 thousand out of the 1.4 million Palestinians who lived in historical Palestine in 1948 in 1,300 villages and towns.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34451 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34452 (in Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of April 2018, 19 June 2018

Exports decreased in April, 2018 by 3.3% compared to March, 2018. While it increased by 7.9% compared to April, 2017 and reached USD 91.5 Million.

Exports to Israel decreased in April, 2018 by 5.8% compared to March, 2018 and it represented 87.1% of total exports in April, 2018.

On the other hand, exports to other countries increased by 18% during the same period compared to March, 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34447 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34448 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

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

- Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, June 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34474

Job Vacancies

- UNOPS is seeking a Facilities Management Subject Matter Expert and Institutional Development Advisor
  For more details, please see the below links:
  https://recruitmentctg.force.com/xcdrecruit__Site_ExternalPositionDetails?id=a111o000005jqLE
  https://recruitmentctg.force.com/xcdrecruit__Site_ExternalPositionDetails?id=a111o000005jqKQ

Announcements

- Consulate General of Belgium: Call for proposals – Combating and preventing violence against women and girls through education projects
  For further details, please see attachment