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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

- **Tuesday, 14 August 2018**: Health Sector – West Bank General Health Cluster meeting at the Ministry of Health HQ Ramallah.
- **Tuesday, 14 August 2018**: Energy Sector – Energy Core Group meeting at the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA).
- **Monday, 13 August 2018**: Health Sector – Mental Health Thematic Group meeting at the Ministry of Health HQ Ramallah.
- **Monday, 6 August 2018**: Justice Sector – Justice Core Group meeting at LACS Office.
- **Thursday: 2 August 2018**: Security Sector – Security Thematic Group/ Administrative Programme No.4. Training meeting at the BTS Gemzo.

## Aid Coordination Meetings

❖ **Minutes of the Security Sector Working Group meeting, 11 July 2018**

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35605

❖ **Minutes of the Justice Sector Working Group meeting, 25 June 2018**

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35606 (in English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35608 (in English)

- MoJ – Summary of the joint Justice Sector implementation plan 2018–2019, 25 June 2018

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35610

## Documents & Reports

## United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- Humanitarian snapshot: Casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 9 August 2018

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35587

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status: Monthly Update – July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35586

- Humanitarian Bulletin occupied Palestinian territory, July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35582

- Humanitarian snapshot: Casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 2 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35568

- The Humanitarian impact of restrictions on access to land near the perimeter fence in Gaza, August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35567

- Protection of Civilians Report, 17 – 30 July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35565

### ❖ WHO

- Info graphic – Attacks on health care in the Gaza Strip: January – August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35589

- WHO Special Situation Report, occupied Palestinian territory – Gaza, 31 July – 6 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35576

- Health Access – Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory – June 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35559

- WHO Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 24 – 30th July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35555

### ❖ UNICEF

- State of Palestine: Country Report on Out-Of-School Children, July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35556
  (English)
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35557
  (Arabic)

### ❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 5 – 9 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35597

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 29 July – 2 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35574

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 22 – 26 July 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35575

## World Bank

- Delivering Life-Saving Sanitation Services in Gaza, 6 August 2018

http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/video/2018/08/06/delivering-life-saving-sanitation-services-in-gaza (English)
http://www.albankaldawli.org/ar/news/video/2018/08/06/delivering-life-saving-sanitation-services-in-gaza (Arabic)

## Civil Society Platform

- Summary Report on Effectiveness of the Complaints Systems at Security Agencies, 8 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35578

- Executive Summary – Report on Effectiveness of Oversight of the Performance of Security Agencies, 8 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35579

- Executive Summary – Report on the Enforcement of and Compliance with Codes of Conduct in the Security Sector, 8 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35580

- Civil Society Platform: Analysis Paper Summary – The Right to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly between the Hammer of Legislation and State of Exception and the Anvil of Internal Political Divide and Security Justifications, 8 August 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35581

## Press Releases and Formal Statements

### PMO

### The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 14 August 2018

During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al- Hamdallah, Welcomed the decision of the Republic of Colombia to recognize the State of Palestine within the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. The Cabinet affirmed that Colombia, through this step, proves its keenness to support the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the International Law and many other relevant international resolutions.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35604

### The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 7 August 2018

During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah, welcomed the participation of Mr. Nabil Abu Rudeina, newly assigned Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Information in the 17th National Consensus Government, and wished him every success in his new duties.

The Palestinian Cabinet called upon Hamas movement to abandon its rejection of unity, end its control of the Gaza Strip, and to stop trading our national principles with humanitarian aid, at the expense of the unity of the Palestinian citizens and their homeland.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35571

## UN

### Joint press statement from Jamie McGoldrick, Humanitarian Coordinator in the occupied Palestinian territory, James Heenan, Head of OHCHR in oPt and Genevieve Boutin, UNICEF Special Representative in State of Palestine on "Children's rights must be put first", 1 August 2018

JERUSALEM, 1 August 2018 – We are deeply concerned that children's rights continue to be violated, and demand that concrete, immediate steps be taken to allow children to live free of fear and to realize all their rights.

Despite continuous warnings and appeals by the United Nations and others to put the protection of children first, week after week, reports emerge from the Gaza Strip and other parts of the occupied Palestinian territory of children killed or seriously injured, some as young as 11.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35554

## World Bank

### US$17 Million Grant for Gaza Youth to Create Employment Opportunities, 13 August 2018

WASHINGTON, August 13, 2018 – The World Bank announced a new project today to provide Gaza's unemployed youth with short term income support. About 4,400 targeted youth, half of them women, will be hired by NGOs to deliver services in severely needed areas such as health, education and support to the disabled and elderly. As part of the US$17 million grant, the new project will finance skills training and internet-based job support to an additional 750 youth.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35594

## OCHA

### Entry of emergency fuel urgently needed to avoid closure of hospitals and overflow of sewage in Gaza streets, 8 August 2018

Today, the Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, called on the Israeli authorities to immediately allow the entry of UN-purchased emergency fuel into the Gaza Strip.

"Restricting the entry of emergency fuel to Gaza is a dangerous practice, with grave consequences on the rights of people in Gaza," said Mr. McGoldrick. "The well-being of two million people, half of whom are children, is at stake. It is unacceptable that Palestinians in Gaza are repeatedly deprived of the most basic elements of a dignified life."

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35572

## WHO

### Third health worker killed in Gaza demonstrations: WHO reiterates calls for the protection of health workers, patients and health facilities, 11 August 2018

11 August 2018, Gaza – On 10 August, Abdullah Al-Qutati, a first responder, was killed by Israeli forces while working to help those injured during protests east of Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip. He is the third health worker to be killed since demonstrations began as part of the Great March of Return in Gaza on 30 March. WHO reiterates that the protection of health workers, patients and health facilities must be respected.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35588

### WHO delivers trauma kits to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, August 2018

8 August, 2018, Gaza Strip –The World Health Organization (WHO) is delivering 36 trauma kits to the Ministry of Health (MoH) that are urgently needed to ensure the wounded receive appropriate emergency treatment.

With resources from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), WHO has mobilized 18 trauma kits, which will be used to treat up to 1,800 patients who are in need of surgical care.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35577

## UNESCO

### Message from Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of International Youth Day, 12 August 2018

This year, International Youth Day focuses on the theme: "Safe spaces for youth". Youth is a decisive phase in personal development. It is the age when people venture into the unknown, seeking new horizons; it is a time of encounters, often memorable ones; it is a time of first commitments. However, youth is also a vulnerable age, when negative experiences can quickly lead to withdrawal, isolation and marginalization.

Ensuring "safe spaces" for young people means creating the conditions for harmonious personal development, providing a climate of confidence in which they may freely express their potential and strengthen their self-esteem.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35592 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35593 (Arabic)

## WFP

### EU helps WFP sustain food lifeline in Gaza as hardship mount, 13 August 2018

JERUSALEM – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Palestine welcomed a contribution of €2.95 million (US$3.6 million) from the European Union to support critical food assistance to severely vulnerable Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

The funds – channelled through the European Commission's European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO) – will allow around 210,000 extremely poor people to purchase the food of their choice for one and a half months.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35595 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35596 (Arabic)

## EU – CEC

### The European Union and the Palestinian Authority lay the cornerstone of the new Headquarters for the Central Elections Commission, 9 August 2018

Today, the European Union and the Palestinian Authority laid the cornerstone of the new headquarters of the Palestinian Central Elections Commission (CEC) in Ramallah. The event was attended by the Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah – representing President Mahmoud Abbas, the EU Representative Mr. Ralph Tarraf, and the Chairman of the CEC, Dr. Hanna Nasir.

The EU has contributed €5 million to the new building. It extends over 6500 square and of seven floors. The building will include the Central Elections Commission's technical departments in addition to conference halls, warehouses, and a data entry centre. It will also serve as the district office for Ramallah and El Bireh cities.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35583

## EU

### The EU provides around €16 million to support families in need in Palestine, 14 August 2018

The European Union and Austria made a contribution of €16.4 million to the Palestinian Authority (PA) payment of social allowances to poor families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The European Union and Austria (€15 million EU and €1.4 million Austria) will contribute to payments to around 64,500 families. 80% of them live in the Gaza Strip.

The EU's commitment to the PA budget support allows the ministries to sustain the delivery of their services to the Palestinian public.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35602 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35603 (Arabic)

### Around €11 million from the EU and the Netherlands for the salaries and pensions of Palestinian civil servants, 2 August 2018

The European Union is making today a contribution of €10.62 million to the Palestinian Authority's (PA) payment of nearly 55,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank.

This contribution is funded by the European Union (€10.0 million) and the Netherlands (€0.62 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.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35563 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35564 (Arabic)

### Water for Gaza: EU switches on the biggest solar energy field in the Gaza strip to fuel projects providing drinking water to people in dire needs, 2 August 2018

This week, the EU has completed the biggest photovoltaic solar field in Gaza. It will provide 0.5 Megawatts of electricity per day to fuel the Southern Gaza Desalination Plant.

The EU-funded Southern Gaza Desalination Plant currently provides drinking water to 75,000 inhabitants in the Khan Younis and Rafah governorates. With the new energy field and new investments foreseen it will eventually reach 250,000 people in Southern Gaza by 2020.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35561 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35562 (Arabic)

### The EU, UK and France provide around € 5.5 million for the implementation of nineteen social infrastructure projects in Area C of the West Bank, 2 August 2018

The European Union, the United Kingdom and France provided around € 5.5 million for the implementation of nineteen social infrastructure projects in Area C of the West Bank. The contribution is part of the European Union Area C Development Programme in the West Bank that amounts to €9.5 million.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35558

### Local EU statement on settlement activity in Batn Al-Hawa, Silwan, 2 August 2018

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah express serious concern at the official inauguration on 1St August of a touristic center, run by a settler organization, in the Batn al-Hawa/Silwan neighbourhood of occupied East Jerusalem, in the compound from which five households of the Palestinian Abu Nab family were evicted in 2015.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35560

## Representative Office of Germany

### Germany continues to support the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), 8 August 2018

The German Government provides an additional contribution of 8.4 Mio Euro to the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in Gaza.

This contribution is designated for UNRWA's food aid program and will help to provide food assistance to the Palestine Refugees in the Gaza Strip.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35573

## Representative Office of Japan

### Project Completion for Provision of a Backhoe Loader for Joint Service Council for Solid Waste and Waste Water Management / Salfit Governorate, Funded by Japan, 13 August 2018

Today, August 13th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Bidya city, Salfit Governorate to celebrate the completion of the 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.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35598 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35599 (Arabic)

### Project Completion for Rehabilitation of Water Network in Al-Khas, funded by Japan, 9 August 2018

Today, August 9th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Al-Khas in Bethlehem Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Al-Khas village council used a grant of US $88,295 to replace the old water network by installing 1,000m of 1-inch pipes and 750m of 2-inch pipes which are composed of underground galvanized steel pipes.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35584 (in English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35585 (in Arabic)

## PCBS

### Palestinian Consumer Price Index (CPI) during July 2018, 14 August 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during July 2018 slightly increased by 0.04% compared with June 2018 (by 0.45% in Gaza Strip, by 0.16% in Jerusalem J1, and with a slight increase by 0.02% in the West Bank).

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35600 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35601 (Arabic)

### International Youth Day, 12 August 2018

One-third of the Palestinian population is youth, and more than half of them live in Area (C) close to the apartheid wall and the settlements

The percentage of individuals (15-29 years) in Palestine increased from about 28.2% in 2007 to about 29.2% of the total population in 2017, which is equivalent to about 1.37 million individuals and a sex ratio of 104.5 males per 100 females in 2017. At the level of region, the percentage of individuals (15-29 years) of 2017 in the West Bank was 29.0% compared to 29.5% in Gaza Strip.

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35590 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35591 (Arabic)

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

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 93.30 during June 2018 with a decrease of 5.22% compared to May 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

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

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35569 (in English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35570 (in Arabic)

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