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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.lacs.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Tuesday, 30 October 2018**: Education Core Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- **Wednesday, 31 October 2018:** Private Sector Core Group meeting at 9:30 at the Ministry of National Economy.
- **Monday, 5 November 2018:** Justice Core group meeting at 10:00 at LACS Office.
- **Tuesday, 6 November 2018**: Environment Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Environment Quality Authority (EQA).
- **Tuesday, 6 November 2018:** Security Sector: Security Thematic Group AP8 "Joint Operations" meeting at 1:00 at BST.
- **Tuesday, 13 November 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting at 9:30 at LACS Office.
- **Wednesday, 14 November 2018:** Health Core Group meeting at 1:00 at the Ministry of Health.
- **Wednesday, 14 November 2018:** Security Core Group meeting at12:00 at MoI.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 19 November 2018:** High-Level Security Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Central Training Institute (CTI) – Jericho.
- **Wednesday, 21 November 2018:** Justice Sector IDG meeting at 10:00 at LACS Office.
- **Wednesday, 21 November 2018:** Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:30 in the Yaser Arafat Hall at the Ministry of Education & higher Education.
- **Thursday, 22 November 2018:** Security Sector – Thematic Working Group Administrative Program (AP) #4 (Training) meeting at 12:30 at the BST.

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Protection of Civilians Report, 23 October – 5 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38848

❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 4 – 8 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38850

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 28 October – 1 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37857

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 21 – 25 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37848

❖ **WHO**

- Special Situation Report, occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 7 – 20 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37851

❖ **UNFPA**

- Video – The sky is the limit– Being a girl in Gaza, 8 November 2018
  https://youtu.be/W10CoJOLmcA

World Bank

- West Bank and Gaza – Human Capital Index, 5 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37853

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Government Achievements in the Healthcare Sector, 14 November 2018

The video is available at the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e79fdEfvRT8&feature=youtu.be

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 14 November 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet condemned the Israeli military aggression against the Gaza Strip, reiterates its calls for mobilizing support for the PLO on the 14th commemoration of the martyrdom of Yasser Arafat, and hails convening the meetings of the joint Palestinian-Russian ministerial committee During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al- Hamdallah, Condemned the serious Israeli military escalation against the Gaza Strip and bombing dozens of sites and buildings, including a residential building, several houses and facilities, Al Aqsa TV and Al Amal Hotel. This attack resulted in killing more than 10 Palestinian citizens in less than 24 hours in a flagrant violation of the rules of international law and humanitarian resolutions of the international legitimacy.

The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38851

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 6 November 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet condoles the Palestinian nation for paying the price of the Balfour Declaration after 101 years of land theft, killing and displacement of the indigenous citizens of the land, appeals to the international community to stop standing helpless before this

historic disgrace and injustice, and congratulates the Palestinian citizens on the anniversary of the Palestinian Declaration of Independence. The Cabinet condemns Israel, the Occupying Power, for storming the headquarters of the Jerusalem Affairs Ministry, and sets a timeline for commencing the Social Security Law.

The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37854

World Bank

World Bank Regional Vice President First Visit to West Bank and Gaza, 14 November 2018

Ramallah, November 14, 2018 – World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa, Ferid Belhaj, completed a three-day visit to the West Bank and Gaza. This was Belhaj's first visit since taking over as Regional Vice President, and was aimed at reviewing first-hand the territory's current economic and social challenges.

Accompanied by Merza Hassan, Dean of the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors, Belhaj visited project sites and met with Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, Minister of Finance and Planning Shukri Bishara, Minister of Local Government Hussein Al Araj, and Head of the Palestinian Water Authority Mazen Ghneim.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38855

Investing in Palestinian Children's Health and Education to Build Human Capital and Promote Growth, 5 November 2018

Jerusalem, November 5, 2018 – A child born in the West Bank and Gaza today will be 55 percent as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health, according to the World Bank's new Human Capital Index (HCI) released on October 2018.

The Palestinian economy has had several setbacks due to ongoing fragility and conflict. This negative impact could be mitigated through investments in human capital. These investments would help prepare Palestinian youth for the jobs of the future that are now being shaped by technological advances.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37852

EU

The EU contributes €20 million to the PA payment of October salaries and pensions, 7 November 2018

The European Union has made a contribution of €20 million to the Palestinian Authority's (PA) October's payment of nearly 55,000 Palestinian civil servants and pensioners in the West Bank.

This contribution is funded by the European Union as part of its Direct Financial Support to the Palestinian Authority channelled through PEGASE.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37855 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37856 (Arabic)

Consulate General of Spain – Spanish Cooperation

Spain Grants 1 Million Euro for vulnerable Palestinian families, 8 November 2018

On 8th November, the Consul General of Spain in Jerusalem, Excellency Rafael Matos and the Minister of Finance and Planning, Excellency Shukry Bishara, signed the agreement of the official Spanish contribution to the PEGASE instrument, to help building the Palestinian State through the support to the most vulnerable families.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38849

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deeply Concerned for Escalation between Gaza and Israel, 14 November 2018

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its deep concern over the severe escalation of the last hours between Gaza and Israel, expresses its strong condemnation for the launch of rockets from the Strip towards the Israeli territory, and appeals to all parties to cease the violence immediately.

Italy strongly supports the priority objective of concretely alleviating the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and calls on the parties concerned to work towards this goal.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38852

Japan Representative Office

The Statement by Press Secretary Takeshi Osuga on the Recent Situation in Gaza, 14 November 2018

1. Japan is deeply concerned about the recent rise of tension in Gaza and the surrounding areas, and calls on all parties concerned to exercise maximum restraint.
2. Japan firmly believes that the issues facing the two parties, Israel and Palestine, cannot by any means be resolved by violence, and that they can be resolved only through efforts of both sides to build mutual trust and through negotiations between them. Japan urges all parties concerned to exert their maximum efforts toward resuming the peace negotiations.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38853 (in English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38854 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during September 2018, 4 November 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 109.96 during September 2018 with an increase of 7.68% compared to August 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for September 2018 increased due to the increase in the activities of Mining and Quarrying by 15.42% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activities of Manufacturing Industry by 8.15% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation decreased by 4.88% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, and the activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 1.75% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37849 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37850 (Arabic)

Job Vacancies

- **Consulate General of Sweden** – Temporary position as a National Programme Officer for Private Sector Development.
  For further details, please see attachment.

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Faruk Aykut Renda** has joined the Consulate General of Turkey as Deputy Consul General. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Donggi Kim** has joined the Representative Office of the Republic of Korea as Head of the Representative Office. His contact details are as follows:
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