



## *A message from the Acting Head of Mission*

As we get ready to celebrate the blessed holiday of Eid al-Adha, I am very delighted and honored to extend my best and warmest wishes to all EUPOL COPPS' counterparts and the Palestinian people who are celebrating a very enjoyable holiday of Eid al-Adha, I wish you a peaceful and joyous Eid.

Turning to business, our advisers continued their efforts in providing support to Palestinian counterparts. The four-day study trip to Romania for Palestinian judges and prosecutors to the Homolog Institute provided a splendid opportunity for the attendees to get acquainted with a different experience on Judicial inspection and I am confident that such a visit will add value.

## EUPOL COPPS facilitates study trip for Palestinian Judges and Chief Prosecutors

EUPOL COPPS facilitated a study trip for three Palestinian judges from the Judicial Inspection Department of the High Judicial Council (HJC) together with two Chief Prosecutor from the Attorney General Office to the Homolog Institution in Romania. During the four-day study visit which was concluded on Friday, EUPOL COPPS gave Palestinian Judges and a Chief Prosecutors the opportunity to exchange experiences in

the area of judicial inspection. Other areas of expertise were also discussed, including disciplinary liability, professional evaluation and court/prosecution offices management control with colleagues from Romania. Besides visiting the Homolog Institution in Bucharest, the delegation visited courts and prosecution offices in Brasov and Cluj Napoca, allowing them to learn from the practical experience in the area of the

judicial inspection. Last year, Romania and the High Judicial Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of cooperation in the inspection field.



## EUPOL COPPS organizes a workshop for the Palestinian Police and media representatives



EUPOL COPPS organized a workshop for the Palestinian Civil Police and media representatives in order to find ways to facilitate each

other's work while covering events in the field. Fifteen senior Police officers from Special Police Force explained to twelve journalists difficulties they face while carrying out their duties during protests and sit-ins. The Palestinian police maintained that the bylaws of the PCP do not allow any mis-

behavior towards any member of the public including journalists. There are a range of disciplinary procedures in place. Both the PCP and the media representatives praised EUPOL COPPS for organizing the event, which provided an opportunity to highlight concerns of each side and eventually ensure smooth work for the benefit of the media and the police.

## EUPOL COPPS concludes study visit for the Palestinian Ministry of Justice



EUPOL COPPS concluded a three-day study visit to Jordan for a Palestinian delegation from the Ministry of Justice to discuss with their counterparts in Amman topics related to the regulatory framework of the criminal

record. The seven-member delegation of the ‘General Administration of the Criminal Record and Legalization’ of the Ministry of Justice, representing different Palestinian districts, paid a visit to the Jordanian Ministry of Justice and met the Assistant Deputy of the ministry. The attendees were briefed on the Jordanian regulatory

framework on the criminal record. The Palestinian counterparts provided a similar briefing on the same field. At the Prosecutor’s Office, the delegation was briefed on the procedures and the authority of the prosecution regarding the non-conviction certificate.

## EUPOL COPPS delivers training on Right to a Fair Trial

EUPOL COPPS advisers delivered a training on Right to a Fair Trial for 23 Palestinian lawyers at the Palestinian Bar Association office in Jenin. Method of the training was to introduce participants – both practitioners and trainees – various criminal cases, which the attendees in groups, analyzed from Fair Trial rights’ perspective. Fair Trial rights covered in the cases touched

upon several topics, such as right to have legal representation from the very beginning of the criminal investigation, arbitrary arrests, right not to be compelled to testify against him/herself, right to have facilities for the preparation of the defense, presumption of innocence, publicity of a trial, right to legal aid,

right to examine witnesses, right to interpreter and principle of nullum crimen sine lege.



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Principle of nullum crimen sine lege is a legal principle, requiring that one cannot be punished for doing something that is not prohibited by law