

EU delegates visit EUPOL COPPS mission

Delegates of the EU Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM) visited Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory to see how the EUPOL COPPS mission is working and to meet its staff. The Head of EUPOL COPPS, Kenneth Deane welcomed the CIVCOM delegation led by Mika-Markus Leinonen, Director, CIVCOM Chair. The Mission has been praised for its continuous support to the Palestinian Civil Police and the criminal justice institutions. The Delegation also met with EUBAM Rafah, the other EU Mission located in the region.



Police inaugurates light vehicle maintenance workshops

The Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) inaugurated a 6-million Euro Spanish funded project for light vehicle maintenance workshops and IT communications facilities to strengthen its capacity. The project includes three major compounds in West Bank cities of Ramallah, Bethlehem and Nablus. EUPOL COPPS has supported the PCP Logistics Department to develop an inventory database system.



Police and Justice Press officers conclude Media capacity building workshop

25 Press officers from the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) and criminal justice institutions completed a two-day workshop on "Media capacity building" in Ramallah to improve their media and public relations skills and to enhance their cooperation on media related issues. This event, organized by EUPOL COPPS, is the first of its kind in bringing participants from the PCP, the Ministry of Justice, the High Judicial Council, the Attorney General Office, the Palestinian Anti-corruption Commission and also the Independent Commission for Human Rights.



Public prosecutors conclude study trip to Prague

Three Palestinian public prosecutors specialised in domestic violence prosecution attended, through EUPOL COPPS support, one week study visit in Czech Republic to raise their capabilities in police-prosecution cooperation. During the visit, a special focus was given to delegate powers to the police, police/prosecution procedures in the area of domestic violence, protection of witnesses and cooperation of criminal authorities with social workers and NGOs.



EUPOL COPPS' Head meets new Attorney General

Head of EUPOL COPPS Kenneth Deane congratulated the newly appointed Palestinian Attorney General Mohammad Al-Aweiwi. Mr. Deane expressed his willingness to further strengthen the cooperation between the Mission and AGO. The two sides discussed fields on which further support could take place in the future such as IT Crimes, international legal cooperation and Investigation of homicide cases.



EUPOL COPPS supports Police with self defence tactics

A senior Palestinian trainer concluded a self defence tactics course in Jericho for five police officers from Protection Guard Unit with the support of EUPOL COPPS training team and the Specialised Public Order Adviser.



EUPOL COPPS assists Ministry of Justice in its future policy

EUPOL COPPS facilitated a third visit of the UK consultancy firm Social Pioneers to the Ministry of Justice. This visit forms part of the "Mentoring and Capacity Building" project, proposed and planned by EUPOL COPPS, and funded by the UK Government's Arab Partnership Fund. This project aims at assisting the Ministry of Justice in better defining its vision, mandate, strategy, and internal structure.