



## EUPOL COPPS Newsletter - February 2020

Dear friends,

After months of speculation, the United States has announced its vision for the Middle East Peace Process. Like everyone else living and/or working in Palestine, we are waiting to find out what this will mean concretely in the next few months. We remain fully committed to supporting our Palestinian counterparts with all efforts to strengthen the rule of law and protection of human rights.



2020 has got off to a productive start, with EUPOL COPPS advisers delivering trainings on criminal sanctions policy for officials from the Ministry of Justice, on human rights standards for prosecutors and on anti-money laundering concepts for lawyers from the Bar Association. The Mission is also looking at ways to support

Palestine's Anti-Corruption Commission, in particular as regards witness protection and asset declarations.

We recently published a video featuring Judge Asaad Shunnar. In it, he describes some of the challenges he faces in his work, and how international support can help to meet those.

Finally, I was in Brussels two weeks ago to present EUPOL COPPS' six-month report to the EU member states. It was good to hear their feedback on the Mission's work, in particular our move into new fields of operations such as supporting the fight against environmental crime, and the fight against cybercrime. Most important however was their reiteration of their support for rule of law reform in Palestine and our cooperation with our Palestinian partners.

Kind regards,

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**Meet Judge Asaad Shunnar**



Judge Asaad Shunnar is one of 200 judges in the West Bank. Find out about the challenges he faces and his plans to overcome them.

## Highlights - January 2020

[EUPOL COPPS advocates for reform of criminal sanctions in Palestine](#)





Lawyers from Ramallah, Jericho and Salfit receive anti-money laundering training

EUPOL COPPS delivers training for prosecutors on the right to a fair trial and other human rights standards



Anti-Corruption Commission explores EU support for witness protection and asset declaration system



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