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

I am glad to share with our readers that the Council has extended the mandate of EUPOL COPPS for another year. The extension will give us the opportunity to keep supporting the Palestinian counterparts in the areas of policing and criminal justice. This could not have been made without the positive feedback from our Palestinian interlocutors.

I would like to welcome the new Deputy Head of Mission, Bo Holtse, who joined EUPOL COPPS this month. Bo has a long military background followed by posts in UN missions and in several Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) missions.

## EU Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories extended

The Council has extended the mandate of the EU co-ordinating office for Palestinian police support (EUPOL COPPS), as well as the mandate of the EU border assistance mission for the Rafah crossing point (EU BAM Rafah), until 30 June 2018. These missions are part of wider EU efforts in support of Palestinian state building in the context of working towards a comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

based on a two-state solution. EUPOL COPPS has been assisting the Palestinian Authority in building the institutions of a future state of Palestine in the areas of policing and criminal justice since January 2006. Through its contribution to security and justice sector reform, the mission supports efforts to increase the security of the Palestinian population and to reinforce the rule of law. € 12.372 million have been allocated for the mis-

sion's activities between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. The Council also extended the mandate of EU BAM Rafah until 30 June 2018.



## EUPOL COPPS participates in scenario training exercise



EUPOL COPPS police advisers attended a scenario training exercise in the northern West Bank district

of Jenin to enhance capabilities of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) in securing major events. Over 250 police officers participated in the scenario on "High level security football match" to enhance the efficiency of the PCP in maintaining law and order. During the scenario,

PCP officers performed several drills including resorting to gradual use of force to quell an angry protest. The out-door training was supervised by the Brigadier General. Ghazi Asfour - Head of Central Operations Administration. The Advisors from EUPOL COPPS were invited to share experience with the counterparts and to enhance future exercises.

## EUPOL COPPS delivers equipment to PCP media department



E U P O L COPPS delivered digital cameras to the Media and Public Relations Administration of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP). The equipment will further enhance the capability of

this department to communicate on PCP's activities to the public. The PCP will use these equipment to take photos of their activities in different West Bank districts and share them with the audience. The delivery is part of the Mission's plan to further enhance the capabilities of the PCP's Media and Public Relations Administration. Similar equipment

were also handed over to the media department of the Ministry of Justice. EUPOL COPPS has been supporting the Media and Public Relations Administration of the PCP in both media coaching and equipment as part a wider communication strategy plan to enhance the capabilities of the department.

## Mentoring and advising training for EUPOL COPPS staff

Scenario training exercise is a tool used to enhance capabilities of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) in securing major events.

EUPOL COPPS staff members concluded a four-day mentoring and advising course to further enhance their capabilities in different fields of expertise. The specialized training, which was held in partnership with the European Security and Defence College and the German Federal Police College Lubeck, aims at sharing new developments and technics, improve

skills such as communication, motivation and working with counterparts, in order to advance as mentors and advisors as well as improve our internal capacities on planning, evaluation and reporting. During the four days of training, which included scenario driven practical exercises, two trainers -- Markus Fielke (German Police College) and Irene Eich (ESDC) -- showed

the two dozen participants best ways to conduct mentoring and advising.



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