



Palestinian Police completes IT infrastructure project

The Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) announced the completion of a € 9.5 million information and communications systems infrastructure development project, supported by EUPOL COPPS and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), to upgrade their operational and administrative capabilities. "Significant support has also been provided through EUPOL COPPS which has, from the onset of this project and through its daily advice and coordinating role, once more demonstrated its commitment to the Palestinian Civil Police", said Mr. David Geer, Deputy EU Representative.



Police holds consultation workshop with Civil Society on Accountability

The Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) held a consultation workshop with 20 Palestinian civil society organizations to discuss a draft accountability strategy which aims to enhance general oversight within the PCP with an aim to enhance public trust. The workshop was supported by EUPOL COPPS and The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The key objectives of the draft strategy are to enhance the integrity and transparency within the police, to support a fair complaint system, and to strengthen the accountability units and oversight mechanisms within the police.



EUPOL COPPS Members Receive CSDP Medals:

Head of EUPOL COPPS, Kenneth DEANE presented the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) medals to 25 staff members representing a total of 13 countries, including Canada. The medals, which are presented on behalf of the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Baroness Catherine ASHTON, are awarded for service within CSDP Missions. The EU Representative, John GATT-RUTTER, the Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) Major General Hazem ATTAL-LAH, as well as representatives of EU Member States and Canada participated in the medal parade ceremony, which was organised in the EUPOL COPPS Headquarters in Ramallah.



EUPOL COPPS organizes a workshop on 'Seized Criminal Items'

EUPOL COPPS organized a workshop on 'Seized and Confiscated Items, Assets and Proceeds of Crime' for Senior officials from the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, the High Judicial Council and the Palestinian Civil Police. EUPOL COPPS legal advisors gave an overview of the current Palestinian legal framework on the topic as well as an overview of the situation on the ground. The participants received a comprehensive presentation by the Director of the Belgian Central Office for Seizure and Confiscation. Sofie Mortier, Deputy Head of EUPOL COPPS, attended the workshop, which was chaired by the Head of Rule of Law section, Theo Jacobs.



Police strengthens its capacity to fight domestic violence

The Palestinian Civil Police officially launched the Strategy and internal Regulation which will equip the Police and its specialized body, the Family Protection Unit (FPU) with the necessary tools to strengthen their capacity to prevent and respond to family violence and offer effective protection to victims. Both documents were developed by the PCP, with the technical support of EUPOL COPPS and UN Women. UK Department for International Development (DFID) funded the project.



Study visit to Ireland on forensics science

Two members of the Palestinian Ministry of Justice (MoJ) National Centre for Forensic medicine, and two members of the Palestinian Ministry of Interior (MoI) Criminal Forensic Laboratory undertook a study visit to the Republic of Ireland, the aim of which was to focus on good governance practices within a modern forensic medical laboratory. The four-day visit was sponsored by EUPOL COPPS and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The use of forensic science, a relatively new tool in Palestinian criminal justice, will greatly increase the effectiveness of the local criminal justice system in the prosecution of serious crimes.

