



## EUPOL COPPS Newsletter - January 2020

Dear friends,

A new year has started, and as is traditional, this comes with new resolutions and new plans. It is, sadly, an anxious time for many in the region. Nonetheless, we continue to hope that 2020 will be one of progress in resolving conflicts and promoting peace. For our part, we will continue to do our utmost to support our Palestinian counterparts with key reforms in the rule of law sector.



As part of the stock taking on what we can do differently in 2020, we have decided to change the way that our newsletter is delivered. It will now be sent once a month and provide a recap of the previous month's activities. We hope you enjoy the new format!

In terms of highlights from December, we were proud to support efforts to raise awareness about gender-based violence in Palestine as part of the 16-day 'Together Against Violence' campaign coordinated by UN Women. Law enforcement agencies play a central role in fighting gender-based violence and we cooperate closely with our partners in this area. Please do check out the video we produced featuring Major Lana Mukhallati, gender coordinator for the Palestinian Civil Police in Nablus, our interview with Colonel Nihad Wahdan, head of the Gender Unit of the Ministry of Interior, as well as our feature looking at the ways in which European and Canadian police forces address domestic violence.

In December, our advisers also advocated for enhanced witness protection in Palestine, trained Palestinian police officers in key concepts of information-led policing and local community-law enforcement relations, conducted a training on strategic planning before mass gatherings such as demonstrations or sporting events and trained more than 80 lawyers from Hebron on anti-money laundering concepts from local and international perspectives.

We'd also like to pay tribute to the efficient job carried out by the Palestinian authorities during a busy Christmas period, when thousands of pilgrims visited Bethlehem. In honour of the professionalism of our counterparts in Bethlehem over Christmas, we produced a short video called 'The Bethlehem Police', which seems to have struck a chord with people in Palestine – the Arabic version has been viewed over 150,000 times on Facebook!

All that remains for me to say is that I wish you success and fulfillment for 2020 and I hope that we continue our productive cooperation together!

Kind regards,

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## Together Against Violence



Lana Mukhallati joined the Palestinian Civil Police in 2004, rising to the rank of Major. Currently, she is the gender coordinator for the police in her hometown, Nablus. As part of her job, she is responsible for overseeing the fight against gender-based violence. Find out her story.



Nihad Wahdan, the head of the Gender Unit at the Ministry of Interior, aims to double the percentage of Palestinian female officers working in Palestine's security sector



'Did we do enough to protect her?' – EUPOL COPPS advisers talk about their experiences of fighting domestic violence

## The Bethlehem Police



Every year, over 1 million people visit Bethlehem. The Bethlehem Police work to keep them safe.

In this video, we pay tribute to their hard work.

## Highlights - December 2019

[EUPOL COPPS advisers advocate for enhanced witness protection in Palestine](#)





EUPOL COPPS training supports safer demonstrations through improved planning

EUPOL COPPS trains Palestinian lawyers to identify money laundering



EUPOL COPPS trains Palestinian police to gather information about crimes more effectively



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