Dear Friends,

This monthly newsletter coincides with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. We in the Mission are more than happy to throw our support behind this campaign, together with other national and international partners to speak with one voice on the need to eliminate gender-based violence.

EUPOL COPPS has produced a number of videos and articles on its publication platforms in which our counterparts and some Mission members spoke about the campaign. The objective was to promote behavioural change
by emphasizing positive masculinities and promoting gender equality norms. Gender-based violence doesn't just impact the well-being of individuals, societies and nations-- it affects their economic stability as well.

On a positive note, we will have soon Christmas and New Year. The turn of the year is traditionally a time to reflect on the past year and make plans for the new one. 2021 has been a challenging year for all of us, and like everyone, I hope that 2022 will be better, with shining spirits and aspirations for the future.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year, and first and foremost hope that you stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Nataliya Apostolova
Head of Mission
EUPOL COPPS
16 Days of Activism

Men and boys, you have a role to play in ending gender-based violence against women and girls! Act NOW!

#OrangetheWorld #16days #16DaysofActivism

Find out what he has to say:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwU5kr62TV0

Nearly 1 in 3 women have been abused in their lifetime. In times of crises, the numbers rise, as seen during the COVID-19 pandemic and recent humanitarian crises, conflicts and climate disasters. Emotional abuse is also a problem that cannot be ignored.
During the COVID-19 pandemic, cases of the 'shadow pandemic' of domestic violence increased, showing that for many women and girls, home is not a safe place.

**Gender-based cyber violence** is also spreading fast. A relatively new phenomenon is experienced by all women, though women visible in public life, such as journalists and politicians, experience gender-based cyber violence disproportionately often, which can affect democratic decision-making: they do not dare express political opinions due to fear of online targeting.


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**EUPOL COPPS Mission to maintain strategic support to Palestinian Police**
EUPOL COPPS Mission to maintain strategic support to Palestinian Police, to this effect, Mission is in the process of recruiting highly experienced police advisers to further enhance its support to the PCP, Mrs. Apostolova told Mr. Helo during his visit to the Mission’s premises in Ramallah.

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Members of Police Advisory Section visit Technical University of Tulkarem
A fruitful and dynamic visit to the Technical University of Tulkarem saw members of the EUPOL COPPS Police Advisory Section, along with the Palestinian Civil Police Research, Planning and Developments Administration (RPDA), meet with the Director and the Dean of Graduate Studies of the Technical University of Tulkarem. The aim of this meeting was to start a very relevant project between PCP and the University as a pilot project on research. This cooperation will allow selected students to carry out research in the area of crime and crime trends and will focus on the following topics: Increasing the transparency of PCP, building trust with the society (Human Rights), improving the quality of police processes in the PCP, prevention of several types of crime, as well as future work opportunities for the students.

The fact that 55% - 60% of the 8000 students are women opens a window of opportunity from a gender perspective. To this effect, the suggestion is that the selected students to form part of this project are represented by at least 50% female students. We look forward to witnessing a successful completion of this project, which in turn will pave the way for similar projects in the near future.

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It is definitely not an unusual sight to walk the corridors of EUPOL COPPS and meet a number of smiling colleagues in route, shuttling between offices and meetings. The friendly atmosphere and sense of camaraderie are evident for all to see (even from behind our masks!) It therefore comes as no surprise that the Team Building event held a few weeks ago was literally a day filled with smiles and a fabulous time was had by one and all.

Tucked into a very peaceful part of the woods in Burham, the site chosen for our
Team Building event enjoyed far reaching views, and coupled with the great weather which we were fortunate to have, the setting was just perfect. The EUPOL COPPS Welfare Committee thought of absolutely everything to keep us entertained for the day, which kicked off with the team selection and of course, the fun games, which quickly became competitive among the teams, albeit in a friendly spirit.

Whilst most of us were busy trying to score points for our respective teams, we were soon distracted by the whiff coming from the grill ‘production line’. Our grill masters planned the cooking to perfection, and surpassed our expectations! Too many delicious goodies to mention, but suffice to say that when lunchtime approached, our games were soon concluded as we sat down to an exceptionally tasty barbequed lunch.

There is much to be said for the benefits of a Team Building exercise, and this one was certainly no exception. As the sun slowly started to dip and we collectively made our way home, it is safe to say that we were already, perhaps slightly selfishly, looking forward to the next one!

From all of us, our sincere thanks to the Welfare Committee for the fantastic organization of the entire day, and of course, to all Mission Members who attended and made the event a success.
In recent weeks, the Courts Team within EUPOL COPPS participated in two court visits.

An eye-opening inspection tour of the Court of First instance in Bethlehem, organized by the Internal Control Unit in the High Judicial Council, was conducted with a focus on the administrative and financial aspects of the work of the court. As part of the visit, the Courts Team participated in a meeting with the Court’s President, Mr Jamal Shadid, and was presented with the key findings of the inspection team. The President of the court also gave a brief overview of the work of the court and the challenges and obstacles that the court faces in its daily operations.

The site visit was organised as a part of the Mission’s overall support to the Internal Control Unit. ‘Our ambition is to promote the use of inspection as a tool to ensure
that the court services are provided in an efficient and transparent way keeping the needs and rights of the court customers in central focus, and to ensure that access to justice is duly respected,’ said Anna Wielgosz and Annita Sorti, both Justice Experts within the Mission.

The second Court visit took place in Nablus, an important Court of First Instance in the North, which provides its services to a population of 300,000.

During the visit, the IT Department explained to the Courts Team the function and the state of implementation of MIZAN. MIZAN is an integrated electronic system that is planned to provide an electronic file for each case presented to the Court. This system is for the use of both lawyers and citizens alike, and is also available as an application for use on cell phones.

What emerged clearly from the visit is that judges and public servants are working hard to ensure a fair and viable justice service to the community, notwithstanding their limited resources. The current situation of the Court remains a cause for concern, not least to the President of the Court himself.

‘The visit was very useful to understand how ICU works, but also to figure out the progress made by the Justice institutions in order to guarantee access to justice to all the population in spite of the environmental situation’, said Annita Sorti.

The Mission’s overall ambition remains the promotion of tools to ensure that court services are provided in an efficient and transparent way keeping the needs and rights of the citizens in central focus, assuring the right of access to justice.
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