



Palestinian Authority Committed to Strengthen Palestinian Police Accountability

High-ranking officials from the Palestinian Authority (PA) and international partners opened a four-day workshop entitled Strengthening Palestinian Police Accountability together with the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and EUPOL COPPS in Ramallah. On the same occasion, participants officially launched a USD 3.5 million joint PCP, Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC), Corruption Crime Court (CCC), civil society, UNDP and EUPOL COPPS programme on 'Strengthening Internal Police Accountability, National Anti-Corruption and Civilian Oversight'. This programme has been developed in partnership between the PA, Civil Society, UNDP and EUPOL COPPS, and funded by the Governments of Denmark and Sweden.



Launch of a Dutch funded Programme to support the PCP

The Chief of the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP), Major General Hazem Attallah, together with Mrs Birgitta Tazelaar, Head of Mission of The Netherlands Representation to the Palestinian Authority and Henrik Malmquist, Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS, officially launched a five million EUR Dutch funded programme to further improve the delivery of police services to the Palestinian population. During the ceremony, Mrs Tazelaar also handed over new equipment for the New PCP Headquarters.



20 Palestinian prison officers conclude 3 training courses in quelling prison disorder:

Twenty Palestinian prison officers from the Corrections and Rehabilitations Centres Department (CRCD) concluded multi-skills training courses in combating threatening situations in the West Bank city of Jericho. The Palestinian Special Police Force (SPF) trainers showed the participants how to deal with inmates in the event of a challenging situation, but without inflicting injury and violating prisoners' rights. The four-week training at Jericho Correction and Rehabilitation Centre was supported by EUPOL COPPS' Police Advisory and Rule of Law sections.



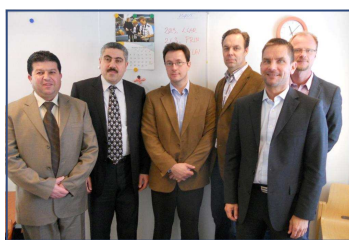
UK experts support PA in formulating a new system of community based punishment:

Three experts from the UK Ministry of Justice concluded a consultative project to help the Palestinian Authority implement a provision for community based punishment, contained in the new Palestinian Penal code. The visit to the occupied Palestinian Territories was facilitated by the British Consulate-General in Jerusalem and EUPOL COPPS' Rule of Law section. The final goal of the project is the adoption of a system of community services which will serve the purposes of rehabilitation of offenders, re-integration of offenders into society, and a reduction in the numbers of re-offenders over the longer term.



Police officers participate in a study trip to France:

Two senior Palestinian police officers visited the French National Police public order unit CRS 47 located in Grenoble/France in order to enhance the capability of senior staff of Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) Special Police Force (SPF) on how to proportionally use force in a riot situation and how to plan an intervention during public events or unexpected incidents. The French National Police, especially the CRS 47, invited the PCP to participate in their tri-annual week training session.



Palestinian Prosecution and Police participate in a study trip to Finland:

The heads of the Palestinian Economic Crimes Units within prosecution and police attended a study trip to Helsinki and Turku in Finland to enhance police-prosecution cooperation on economic crimes. During the one-week long study trip, organised and conducted by EUPOL COPPS' Prosecution team, a special emphasis was placed on the common needs for police officers and prosecutors to recognize economic crimes and the patterns related to these complex crimes.

