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EU Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)

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Mission background

The EU has been at the forefront of efforts for peace in the Middle East. Its immediate priorities include further strengthening law and order, and in this context, EUPOL COPPS is an important element in the improvement of security in the Palestinian Territories. EUPOL COPPS, which started on 1 January 2006, builds on the work of the EU Co-ordination Office for Palestinian Police Support, established earlier within the office of the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process. This initiative followed the expression by EU leaders in June 2004 of their readiness to support the Palestinian Authority in taking responsibility for law and order and, in particular, in improving its civil police and law enforcement capacity.



Head of Mission Paul Kernaghan and
EU High Representative Javier Solana

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

EUPOLCOPPS
EU Police Co-ordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support

Theatre: Palestinian Territories
Headquarters: Ramallah
Starting Date: 1 January 2006
Head of Mission: Paul Kernaghan
Mission strength: 41 EU staff and 16 local staff
Mission budget: EUR 6.3 million (1.1.-31.12.2009)
Contributing states: 15 EU Member States; Norway and Canada

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Mandate and objectives

The aim of the Mission is to contribute to the establishment of sustainable and effective policing arrangements and to advise Palestinian counterparts on criminal justice related aspects under Palestinian ownership, in accordance with the best international standards and in co-operation with the EU institution-building programmes conducted by the European Commission and with other international efforts in the wider context of the security sector, including criminal justice reform.

Mission achievements

By improving the Palestinian Civil Police's law enforcement capacity, EUPOL COPPS acts as a key channel for the efforts of the EU and the wider international community to support of the Palestinian Authority as it takes responsibility for law and order.



Local ownership is an overriding principle of the mission

The main achievements of the mission include:

- providing support to the Palestinian Civil Police for immediate operational priorities and longer-term transformational change as described in the Palestinian Civil Police Development Programme;
- advising and closely mentoring the Palestinian Civil Police, and specifically senior officials at District and Headquarters level;
- co-ordinating and facilitating financial assistance, whether from EU countries or other international donors, to the Palestinian Civil Police.
- Advising, programme planning and project facilitation for the Palestinian Criminal Justice Sector.



Projects have included the provision of training and equipment for the Palestinian Civil Police.

Following its extension in 2008, the Mission was mandated to conduct its programme of operations until 31 December 2010, without prejudice to a possible expansion of the mandate in the light of the evaluations to be carried out at the beginning of 2009.

"EUPOL COPPS is an expression of the EU's continued readiness to support the Palestinian Authority in complying with its Roadmap obligations, in particular with regard to 'security' and 'institution building' (...).

Furthermore, the support of the EU to the Palestinian Civil Police aims at increasing the safety and security of the Palestinian population and at serving the domestic agenda of the Palestinian Authority in reinforcing the rule of law."



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