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AHLC

The PA asked for a delay in to the AHLC meeting and shift in focus of the quartet meetings prior to the AHLC to cover a plan that demonstrates how the Gaza Withdrawal is part of the Roadmap. However, currently there is a lot of pressure on the PA, primarily from the US and the UK, to hold the meetings as scheduled (i.e. quartet envoy level here on the 13th of September, quartet principal level in NY between 19-22 of September, AHLC in NY on the 22nd of September).

The US and Uk are telling the PA that quartet statement(s) prior to AHLC might take care of their concerns and at least Dr. Saeb is saying "but these are just words". We want a clear answer on how the EU conditions for example are exactly taken care of by Israel in the design and implementation of the withdrawal including that it is part of the roadmap.

Therefore, we are **tasked** to produce a plan/idea of how the withdrawal plan can fit in the Roadmap so that we can start engaging the diplomatic community on this in a more specific fashion and not just at the general level. **Habib**, can you please take care of this task? Note that the outcome can take the shape of a diagram, talking points, or schedule what ever you see fit. Please work with **Leila**. Maybe Monday you can present it to the LPU for discussion. Also, **Habib**, I think it is time to review that timeline of Israeli politics you prepared a while back especially with the timetable of withdrawals presented by Sharon yesterday. I know **Rami** has some ideas on the timetable as well if you would like to touch base with him.

Maher Al Masri believes/assumes that the AHLC will not be delayed, and that is his working assumption. He asked us to write an executive summary of our position on border regime, industrial estates and export promotion. This paper might be tabled to the AHLC meeting. **Zeinah** is in charge of this. We were also tasked with continuing work with the World Bank and not necessarily the TSG on border regime. (Zeinah: I will be back in the country on Sunday, so if you schedule a meeting with Nigel and/or who ever he sees fit through Rana (his secretary) for any day after Monday I should be able to attend.

Also for Maher Al Masri, Leila put together a set of Questions and Answers with regards to compensation as relevant to the Erez Industrial Estate while lamia was away. **Leila**, my comments are in your pigeon hole and Maher Masri's email is: maher.masri@met.gov.ps.

Maher Al Masri is also going to contact Nigel Roberts to 1) get a briefing on the last Israeli World Bank meeting 2) nature of recommendations of the papers 3) our involvement after World Bank starts drafting. Hopefully, we will get a briefing from Maher Al Masri on all this.

Finally, Dr. Saeb asked for a report in Arabic on the work with the World Bank so far, **Imad**, can you translate the report Zeinah and I produced. Zeinah can provide you with a copy and **Nizar** can review the translation. Let's send it to Dr. Saeb by Saturday and call him to ensure that he received it.

Note: on my desk you will find the minutes of the meeting between Abu Ala and Nigel Roberts (in

Arabic). One interesting point was Abu Ala' reference to international law and the fourth Geneva Convention.

ICJ

Stephany is considering the date for the briefing to the international community on the ICJ's impact on their involvement with regards to the wall but also more generally in supporting this peace process.

Stephany will prepe a note/Qs&As to be handed to the international community after being cleared with the leadership (PMOs office, Nabil Shaath, Nasser Kidweh, Saeb Erekat??). If you have any ideas on the topic make sure you channel them to Stephany. Steph: please coordinate with Zeinah to see how the memo she wrote on our Post ICJ strategy would be useful.

Also on the ICJ opinion, **all LPU legal advisors** please change your September task lists to review the ICJ opinion and prepare a note on the impact/relevance of the ICJ opinion on your file. Vaughan Lowe will block some time to go through all the notes so let's finish this as soon as possible and before John Murray arrives. So Vaughan Lowe will review it while we are working with John Murray and towards the end of the month we would have a good outcome for internal use, diplomatic outreach and possibly a media campaign. **Shaddad**, can you ask steve Mackafery or David Phillips (I don't know who is more appropriate, is david a lawyer?) to carry out this task?

Reference guides

I noticed that not all of you blocked time in September to work on the reference guide. Please revisit Myles for the exact dates for john murray's trip. **All LPU advisors**, please revise your September task list to include at least 4 days of work on your reference guide. 2 of the days blocked would be working with John while he is here and the rest would be prior to his arrival.

Interesting Info from Dr. Saeb this morning in no specific order:

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- Peres is bewildered at Sharon's approach towards the coalition government to the extent that Peres really doubts that Sharon wants labour to join
- The UK has seconded its security advisor to Mark Otte, the security advisor last name is Magiver (?) who usually works with Saeb Al Ajez
- The UK brokered a deal with Israel where the Palestinian police would be allowed on the streets with their weapons to enforce law and order. After Israel agreed, it retracted and the PA was told that Israel will shoot at policemen if with weapons. Saeb used this story when talking about the inability of the PA to carry out reforms.
- The biggest threat to registering votes for municipal elections is securing the registration centers. While Jericho is quite calm, other locations may not be.
- The Palestinian prisoners want to get down from the tree, they want some Palestinian leader to negotiate with Israel their requests which as Maen says are humanitarian ones and not political ones: food, Red Cross monitoring, strip searches and family visits.
- Dov Weisglass is in Brussels
- Very important meeting of the EU foreign ministers will take place in Holland this Friday. Among other things they will discuss the Roadmap, the settlements expansion, the AHLC