

State Audit & Administrative Control Bureau
Audit & Supervision for Construction
Development & Promotion of Good Governance

Editorial

Accountability & Accountancy Culture

Importance of implementing concepts of integrity and anticorruption emerges as state bodies adopt reform and institutional development, especially the political level. This is to be done through provision of all means and mechanisms and activation inside institutions of public and private sectors, as well as the NGOs, which would greatly improve performance levels, simplify procedures, speed up achievement and reduce waste of public funds and available resources (misuse of public post or unwise spending mechanisms).

Integrity and anticorruption entail fortification of transparency and improvement of democratic practices, so that accountability and accountability become culture of people that is realized during daily life and at all levels, in addition to all kinds of freedoms, media in particular. Unbiased and active media naturally appear as a mean of propagating anticorruption and integrity culture. At the Palestinian level, State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau demands establishment of "Anticorruption & Integrity Reinforcement Body" in consistence with requirements of UN Anticorruption Treaty.

President Office

Palestine Participates 3rd Session of UN Anticorruption Treaty Conference 6th International Anticorruption Forum &



Third conference of UN anticorruption treaty members was concluded in the Qatari capital of Doha, which took place in the period 9–13 November 2009. Palestine was represented by president of State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub, minister of justice, attorney general and the Palestinian ambassador to Austria. The conference concentrated on implementation mechanisms of UN anticorruption treaty, together with mechanisms of presenting technical assistance to member countries. The Palestinian delegation also attended sixth international forum for anticorruption and integrity protection, which was held in the period 7–8 November 2009, and ended with a warning that corruption and cross-border crime are the challenges that face countries politically, economically and socially, and threatens democracy, sustainable development, rule of law and international security in developed and developing countries alike.

SAACB seeks to strengthen relationships with Arab and foreign SAIs, in this regard; Dr. Abu-Rub visited the Qatari State Audit Bureau when he was in State of Qatar to solidify means of cooperation and to exchange experiences.

Mechanisms of joint cooperation between SAACB and the Russian Accounts Chamber were discussed in a meeting that includes Dr. Abu-Rub and the Russian ambassador to the Palestinian Territories. Both sides asserted continuance and reinforcement of Palestinian-Russian cooperation, and exchange of experiences in

audit and controlling areas. They agreed to wrap up implementation of that agreement and to issue third quarterly report within the next few days, which will be fully dedicated for the Russian assistance (audit methods and outcomes).

Dr. Abu-Rub also participated in the third international economic conference in Bethlehem, the international captives conference in Jericho and several workshops and local meetings.



Director General Office



- Commissioning director general as an observer to Palestine hajj mission of 1430.
- Coordinating with internal and external bodies.
- Following up work progress in all oversight and supporting directorates.
- Following up incoming and outgoing mail.
- Following up auditing plans.
- Supervising actions of local governance directorate fully.
- Participating in several meetings with SAACB president.
- Holding several meetings with directorates managers.
- Participating in several meetings with personalities and foundation representatives.

SAACB & Decision Makers

Brigade Abu Gharbieh Meets with SAACB Staff



Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub and central committee member of Palestinian National Liberation Movement (FATAH) brigade Othman Abu Gharbieh discussed means of developing and reinforcing audit and control culture in the Palestinian bodies. That discussion came as brigade Abu Gharbieh was visiting SAACB offices and meeting with staff, where he underlined necessity of institutional work that is capable of organizing and protecting our people's possessions. Dr. Abu-Rub said that it is important to support SAACB by the political administration in order to achieve the Palestinian institutions and law state.

SAACB & Local Community

Dr. Abu-Rub Visits Minister Council Secretariat

On his visit to council of ministers general secretariat, Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub commended cabinet efforts to strengthen integrity and transparency of public funds management. Dr. Abu-Rub talked about importance of cooperation between State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau –represented by audit teams– and other

state bodies to increase citizens confidence in these bodies. Dr. Abu-Rub congratulated Dr. Naeem Abu el-Hummus for appointing him by Mr. President and Mr. PM as council of ministers secretary general, who –in turn– confirmed necessity of teamwork and cooperation to assist SAACB in reinforcing order at the Palestinian bodies. Dr. Abu el-Hummus expressed readiness to cooperate with SAACB in this regard.

Activities of Oversight Directorates

General Directorate for Security & Governance

- Finishing oversight reports such as those about PLC secretariat, police general directorate and Nablus and Tubas governorates.
- Taking part in some commissions such as report revision, courses and missions, annual report and third quarterly report.
- Completing a midrange action plan proposal (2010–2011).
- Participating in the first conference of Fatwa Authority about "Jerusalem: Faith & Challenges".
- Attending a workshop about future of democracy in Palestine, and opening of "Freedom Candles" exhibition at the Palestinian Security Science Academy.

General Directorate for Infrastructure

- Finishing the comprehensive audit report on actions of ministry of public works and housing (internal audit, financial and administrative affairs and projects of 2009).
- Finishing audit on actions of water authority and organization and management authority.
- Participating in 8 tenders.
- Reviewing some audit reports through report revision commission.
- Participating in procurement commission and regular meetings with SAACB president.
- Attending internal workshops and meetings.

General Directorate for Economy

- Wrapping up a report about auditing outcomes on Petroleum Authority accounts.
- Attending tenders as an observer at some audited bodies and reporting outcomes.
- Drafting a midrange plan (2010–2011).
- Holding regular meetings to follow up audit and administrative matters.
- Resuming work of commissions formed by SAACB president (budgeting commission).
- Participating in ecology and sustainable energy conference, in addition to various workshops and seminars.

General Directorate for NGOs

- Finishing audit at Arab Orphanage (Jenin), Jabal al-Nejmeh Rehabilitation Center (Ramallah), Bisan Center for Research and Development (Ramallah), and Arab Woman Union Society (El-Bireh), and reporting outcomes.
- Visiting ministry of interior in order to follow up and collate information about "Palestinian Family Forum for Equality", and visiting Ar-Ram municipality to gather information about the Palestinian Democracy Foundation (ATTAREQ).
- Finishing and submitting midrange action plan proposal (2010-2011).
- Meeting with a Philippine expert to discuss code of conducts for transparency and accountancy in NGOs work in coordination with "Palestinian NGOs Development Center".
- Participating in a workshop in MASS foundation about "protection policies for farmlands", and reporting it.
- Participating in a workshop about "Insurance industry in Palestine" in Best Eastern Hotel.
- Participating in a specialized NGOs workshop in China.
- Attending the internal meeting with Othman Abu Gharbieh.

General Directorate for Local Governance Bodies

- Auditing and reporting on municipalities of Dora and Qalqyia.
- Following up complaints of Tulkarm refugees' camp and Jenin municipality in cooperation with General Directorate for legal affairs and public complaints.
- Participating in tenders as an observer at municipalities of el-Bireh and Jericho.
- Attending the internal meeting with Othman Abu Gharbieh.
- Drafting midrange action plan proposal (2010-2011).
- Observing and following up local governing bodies' news so they would be taken into account in any future plan.
- Participating in supporting march to Mr. President Mahmoud Abbas and memorial ceremony of Late president Yasser Arafat.

General Directorate for Legal Affairs & Public Complaints

- Following up 20 complaints at competent authorities.
- Preparing legal consultations on bill of Capital Market directors board, consumer protection bill, contractors bill and Civil Service Act.
- Attending the internal meeting of Othman Abu Gharbieh.
- Participating in a meeting at ministry of interior about agricultural project in Jordan Valley funded by USAID.
- Participating in supporting march to Mr. President Mahmoud Abbas and memorial ceremony of Late president Yasser Arafat.

General Directorate for Social Cultural Services &

- Accomplishing audit reports on Jenin Hospital and the inventory commission at Zayyed Hospital (Ramallah).
- Attending tenders as an observer at ministries of education and health
- Attending the internal meeting with Othman Abu Gharbieh, and a workshop at Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics about immigration survey in the OPT (2009).

Activities of Non-oversight Directorates

Public Relations Unit

- Participating in courses on international relations and gender.
- Attending meetings of foreign delegations.
- Exchanging correspondences with the World Bank and following up the EU project.
- Attending workshops and conferences invited to by local community foundations.
- Resuming meetings series with decision makers (guest of November 2009 was central committee member of Palestinian National Liberation Movement (FATAH) brigade Othman Abu Gharbieh).
- Finishing midrange action plan proposal (2010-2011).
- Offering congratulations and condolences according to occasion.

Internal Control Unit

- Auditing financial transactions before and after disbursement.
- Drafting a follow-up report on SAACB president's recommendations about SAACB financial report (September 2009).
- Examining staff monthly attendance registers.
- Drafting unit's midrange action plan proposal (2010-2011).
- Drafting framework of annual report (2009).
- Issuing a report on staff sick and personal leaves throughout 2009.
- Issuing a report on operations of IT directorate.

Planning, Improvement & Capacity Development Unit

- Preparing unit annual action plan in accordance with standards and techniques of strategic planning. The plan tackled objectives and programs which PICD unit seeks to achieve over the next two years, in addition to efforts and mechanism by which those objectives will be realized.
- Assessing performance of MOI (planning unit), and following up training file.

General Directorate for Information Technology and Technical Support

- Drafting the midrange action plan proposal (2010-2011) as part of SAACB midrange plan.
- Taking part in auditing over computerized work environment at audited bodies.
- Commissioning an employee to attend a training course in India.
- Finishing the correspondences follow-up system, and test is in progress to get it ready by the beginning of the next year.
- Launching the new governmental e-mail to strengthen work that is fully supervised by IT staff.

General Directorate for Financial & Administrative Affairs

- Developing human resources strategy to organize and computerize work in cooperation with IT directorate.
- Receiving new employees.
- Handling staff eligibilities and following up promotion of 12 employees in Ramallah and Gaza offices.
- Settling situations of staff that have qualifications less than university degree.
- Following up disbursement of supervisory allowances for some employees according to SAACB president's decision.
- Carrying out financial transactions in proportion to study of budget items and remaining amounts, and achieving goals according to priority and relative importance.

Financial Report - November 2009

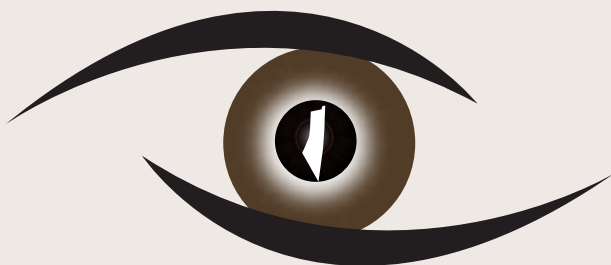
Total due and paid operational expenses paid through SAACB zero account at ministry of finance were 44944.48 NIS, and they were divided into:

- Paid expenses: 11815.79 NIS.
- Due expenses: 33128.69 NIS.

As for fund resources of November 2009, they were limited to SAACB zero account at ministry of finance.

Social News

Congratulations and condolences were provided to staff according to occasion.



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