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## 'Abu-Ghazaleh' and Abu Dhabi Customs Sign MoU in IP Protection Field



ABU DHABI – A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Abu Dhabi General Administration of Customs and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh for Intellectual Property (AGIP) at the Customs Headquarters in Masdar City to enhance joint cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) protection.

The MoU was signed by Executive Director of Technical Affairs of Abu Dhabi Customs, Mr. Salem Saeed Al Rumaithi, and Ms. Yousriya Abu-Elezz, Regional Executive Director at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global, in the presence of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, AGIP founder and chairman, HE Mr. Mubarak Matar Al Mansouri, Executive Director of Abu Dhabi Customs Operations Sector, and Mr. Fahad Ghareeb Al Shamsi, Acting Executive Director of Administration Affairs of Abu Dhabi Customs.

The MoU affirms the keenness of the two parties to strengthen cooperation and strategic partnership to achieve shared goals: protecting intellectual property rights; preventing commercial fraud, piracy and trademark counterfeiting, as well as enhancing strategies

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for developing creative ideas using Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analysis and Information and Communication Technology in a mechanism that ensures opening new horizons for creativity and innovation instead of counterfeiting and imitation.

“Signing of the MoU with AGIP emanates from the vision of Abu-Dhabi Government which aims at coordination and cooperation between government departments and their partners in the public and private sectors. The MoU also aims at maximizing benefits from available resources and capacities of each party, achieving mutual integration to strengthen bilateral efforts in enforcing IPRs by using the latest global practices to achieve common interests,” Al Mansouri said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Al Rumaithi noted that the MoU aims at strengthening joint cooperation in terms of developing IP protection activities, protecting owner rights of legally-registered trademarks against the entry of illegal goods that compromise their rights by supporting specialized cooperation in IPRs field to provide assistance and training on how to distinguish between original and fake goods. Protecting and enforcing IPRs will positively reflect on the economy of Abu Dhabi by creating an attractive investment environment that combats

bad practices and prevents the spread of fraud and other economic effects and health risks that impact the UAE society.”

For his part, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that AGIP has been working for years on supporting cooperation with Government entities concerned with IP protection particularly with the Abu Dhabi General Administration of Customs.

“Through this MoU, AGIP seeks to enhance protection against piracy, fraud and counterfeiting of trademarks by providing information and clarifying differences between original and counterfeit brands using electronic development that facilitates digital exchange and review processes”, Abu Ghazaleh said adding that:

“Through our joint cooperation with Abu Dhabi General Administration of Customs, we will organize a specialized program that includes awareness training courses and workshops for customs inspectors to facilitate their mission in identifying goods related to registered trademarks and to distinguish real trademarks from fake products using advanced technologies and practices that counterfeiters have no knowledge of.”

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## KSA Announces US\$50 Million Contribution to UNRWA

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NEW YORK - HE Mr. Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz Al-Assaf, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, announced a contribution of US\$50 Million to the core program budget of UNRWA for 2019. In a meeting with UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl on the margins of UN General Assembly in New York, the Foreign Minister reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's position as one of the strongest political and financial supporters of UNRWA. He expressed strong recognition for the work carried out for Palestine refugees.

The announcement matches the extraordinary contribution the Kingdom made to the UNRWA program budget in 2018 and is in addition to generous contributions by Saudi Arabia to UNRWA

infrastructure projects across the Agency's five areas of operations. The Commissioner-General expressed his deep appreciation on behalf of the 5.5 million Palestine refugees served by UNRWA.

"The renewed and generous donation by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is of great significance to our Agency. Throughout the summer, as we prepared for the opening of the new scholastic year, we rehabilitated dozens of UNRWA schools with Saudi funding. The crucial contribution announced today will allow us to preserve the right to education of our 532, 000 students, as well as other core services to Palestine refugees. We are very grateful for the dynamic partnership and cooperation with the Kingdom," said Mr Krähenbühl.

During the high-level week of the General Assembly, the Commissioner-General also visited the exhibition, "Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts in supporting refugees around the world" of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, where he discussed with Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor General, the important UNRWA collaboration with the center. The Commissioner-General also had the honor to meet with HE Mr. Adel

bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir, Minister of State of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, during the opening session of the General Assembly.

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## 'Abu-Ghazaleh' Launches 'TAG-DC' Tablet from Oman and Jordan

MUSCAT, AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global) launched from Muscat, capital of the Sultanate of Oman, and from Amman, capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the first of its electronic devices the 'TAG-DC' tablet with high-tech specifications at competitive prices.

TAG-DC tablet suits all ages and comes with half the price tag of similar global brands. Moreover, it crystallizes the vision of TAG.Global of the Smart bag for all students.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of TAG.Global, affirmed that setting the price at \$200 is the result of reducing the profit margin to the minimum compared with a high profit margin of competing companies globally. This can also be possible thanks to the support of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Foundation, a non-profit association funded entirely by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global for community service, which runs dozens of training and qualifying societies.

Purchase order of TAG-DC is possible via direct application through (www.tagitop.com) website and delivery to customers will be made through TAG.Global's 100+ offices worldwide.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh pointed out that the launch of TAG-DC is the result of various studies that lasted for years in addition to the long years of experience of producing electronic devices in partnership with the

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Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh revealed that TAG-DC is paving the way for producing more essential

electronic gadgets announcing the launch of TAGITOP Multi and TAGITOP Plus laptops next month. He also indicated that TAG. Global is currently examining the potential of producing the devices in a number of Arab countries including Egypt and the Sultanate of Oman particularly in the Duqm Special Economic Zone; devices that can be exported to countries all over the world.

It is worth mentioning that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global) is a group of

global companies that offers professional services in the field of accounting, management consulting, technology transfer, training, education, intellectual property, legal services, information technology, recruitment, translation, publishing and distribution.

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## New Agricultural Training Center Opens Doors for Iraqi IDPs



ERBIL - An agricultural training center, constructed to support internally displaced Iraqis, officially opened its doors at the Harsham Refugee Camp in Erbil, the largest city in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The facility is part of a United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) project on resilience-building through immediate livelihood and income generation for internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee, and host communities in the Harsham camp, which is funded by the Government of Austria.

The center is an integrated training facility for agro-processing, which hosts five greenhouses, and is managed in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture – Research Centre in Erbil. The training program there introduces families to greenhouse farming, as well as

small-scale agro-processing, beekeeping and fruit-processing.

At the inauguration of the center, Begard Talabani, Iraq's Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, said, "UNIDO has been involved heavily in the assistance to IDPs. This is really great work. I hope that UNIDO and other UN agencies will continue to assist us to overcome this crisis and I would like to request UNIDO to further assist in the development of the agricultural sector in the region. This assistance will eventually result in a stronger infrastructure in the Kurdistan Region and the country as a whole."

One graduate from the greenhouse farming course, 29-year-old Mansour Omer Khalat, explained, "During the training, I learned how to sow the seeds,

how to transplant the seedlings into the greenhouse and other information about agriculture. I didn't know anything about greenhouses before taking the training. It is a new technique for me. Before coming to the Harsham camp, my whole family has been working in agriculture for a long time, but I was in college. I was studying to become a teacher."

The majority of the families that reside in the Harsham camp have been displaced from the Ninewa and other northern governorates of Iraq affected by the recent conflict. The training courses open new doors for them. The vegetables, planted during the greenhouse course, will partly provide for their own needs with the excess sold on the local market and in the Harsham camp, thus offering a steady source of income. The beekeeping and the fruit-processing courses also create produce for the local market via the newly established Harsham Agricultural Association.

The Harsham Agricultural Association aims to provide a sustainable outlook

beyond the project closure by giving opportunities to its members to pursue and diversify agricultural initiatives in the light of stabilization and a process of return for those communities affected by the conflict in the region.

For many years, UNIDO has been actively engaged in the northern governorates of Iraq in the promotion of social cohesion and acceleration of economic recovery. This newly inaugurated agricultural training center provides an innovative and unique platform that can be further expanded as an agro-industrial training center to support rural communities in accessing mechanization and capacity-building in order to move up the agricultural value chain.

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## Abu-Ghazaleh' Organizes Specialized Field Training Course in Leadership Skills and Team Building



IRBID - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Knowledge Society (TAG-KS) organized a specialized training course in Leadership Skills and Team Building through field skills activities that included mountain descending, walking among cliffs and inside waterways in Ar-Rayyan forest/ Judayta in Irbid.

The field-training course that is the first of its kind to be conducted by TAG-KS, focused on organizing leadership and team building activities as means to practically comprehend the course objectives.

More than 50 employees at the Sales Department of Tasali Jordanian Trading Establishment took part in the course which was organized jointly with Zaza Adventures Team, which is specialized in camping and mountaineering, in different landscape throughout Jordan.

TAG-KS Manager, Ms. Sana' Al Tal, stated that this kind of training proved its efficiency in enhancing quality leadership skills of individuals and that encouraged TAG-KS to organize various courses in this field.

Al Tal pointed out that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global) is always keen to keep abreast with the latest developments and techniques in training courses that contribute to effectively improving professional and knowledge skills serving the youth and the relevant institutions at the same time.

It is worth mentioning that the training course included a brainstorming session under the supervision of Ms. Dana Jouihan, a specialized trainer in life skills. It also included a 3-kilometer walk on the mountainous paths and mountain descending from approximately 40 feet.

At the closing session, certificates were distributed to participants in the presence of Tasali Jordanian Establishment General Manager Mr. Ihab Al Shorafa.

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## EBRD Develops Financial Markets in Tunisia

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LONDON - Building a strong capital market means building a stronger economy. The EBRD is supporting the Tunisian authorities in creating a capital market that is able to provide local companies with better access to a variety of sources of funding to finance and expand their operations.

First findings of a review of the current legal and regulatory framework and a roadmap of the next steps towards comprehensive reforms were recently presented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Tunisian Ministry of Finance in Tunis. The adoption of a new legal framework is expected in the first quarter of 2021.

The roadmap outlines the areas to be reformed. They include reinforcing the mission and powers of the regulator, updating brokers' and financial advisors' licensed activities and bringing the environment for derivatives and

repurchase agreements in line with international standards. On the legal side, a modernization of the regime for public offerings, an upgrade of the securitization regulations and the creation of covered bond legislation are intended to widen the diversity and attractiveness of the local capital market.

As a result, local companies will not only benefit from better access to funding, but also a safer environment to operate in.

Christelle Fink, the EBRD Associate Director for Local Currency and Capital Markets Development in the southern and eastern Mediterranean region, said: "Developing local capital markets in Tunisia and extending the range of financial instruments is one of the Bank's priorities in the country. The EBRD is the leading IFI in providing loans in Tunisian dinar, enhancing access to affordable local currency for SMEs and strengthening the resilience of the local economy."

The EBRD is a leading international investor in Tunisia and combines financing with policy engagement. Private-sector development is one of the Bank's priorities in the country. To date, the EBRD has invested €869 million since the start of its operations in Tunisia in 2012 and provided technical assistance to nearly 800 SMEs, two-thirds of which are in remote areas.

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