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## THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BDF held its 3rd general assembly in Bethlehem, Palestine on April 21, 2017. Mr. Samer Said Khoury thanked all attendees and expressed commitment from all to continue the effort to achieve BDF's goals. The meeting aimed to discuss BDF's future plans and fundraising efforts to secure the needed funding for the proposed projects.

Mr. Ziad Al Bandak, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BDF, praised the financial contribution of the late Mr. Said Khoury and the Khoury and Sabbagh family and added that more efforts are needed to secure additional funding from other sources, taking into consideration the current financial difficulties and the limited sources of funding in the region.

Mr. Mazen Karam, BDF Managing Director/CEO presented BDF's progress report which included a brief about the eight completed projects, the two ongoing projects and several future proposed projects.

Mr. Marwan Saca, BDF Financial Administrator, presented BDF financial report that depicts the expenses of the projects implemented by the foundation during 2015/2016.



## OPENING OF MUALLEM SAID KHOURY SPORTS COMPLEX



In May 2016, Bethlehem Development Foundation, Beit Sahour Municipality, and the Arab Orthodox Society celebrated the opening of Muallem Said Khoury Sports Complex in Beit Sahour.

The project was funded by the Khoury family in memory of the late Muallem Said Khoury. Beit Sahour Municipality and Bethlehem Foundation wanted to provide the residents of Bethlehem area with sports facilities according to international standards. The project involved the completion of unfinished works including parquet flooring and sound attenuation to the indoor basketball court and the external landscaping and parking areas.

A delegation representing BDF and CCC attended the Inauguration of Muallem Said Khoury Sports Complex. Namely, Mr. Samer Said Khoury, Board of Trustees Chairman/President of Engineering and Construction at Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), and Mr. Suheil Hassib Sabbagh, President of Human Resources at CCC, Mr. Ziad Al-Bandak, Chairman of Board of Directors, Mr. Nafez Husseini, Secretary of the BDF Board of Directors and VP at CCC, Mr. Mazen Karam, Managing Director/CEO, BDF and CCC Palestine staff.





## REHABILITATION OF THE CHILDREN PLAYGROUND AT BEIT JALA PEACE PARK



The Municipality of Beit Jala (BJM) and the Bethlehem Development Foundation (BDF) inaugurated the rehabilitated the Children Playground at Beit Jala Peace Park, funded jointly by the BJM and Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC).

The ceremony was attended by mayor of Beit Jala, Mr. William Shaer, the Managing Director/CEO of BDF Mr. Mazen Karam, former mayor of Beit Jala Mr. Nicola Khamis, members of the BJM Municipal Council, BDF executive staff, and representatives of the city's institutions and organizations.

Mr. Shaer pointed out that the first phase of the rehabilitation of the Peace Park included the rehabilitation of the children's play area, at a total cost of \$90,000, of which BJM contributed \$40,000 and CCC \$ 50,000. The work included removing old games and replacing them with newer games for children, youth and persons with special needs.

Mr. Al Shaer also announced that the next stages of rehabilitation will include the rehabilitation of the area of the ducks and birds, the canopied open-air dining areas and the restaurant at a total cost of \$70,000.

It is worth mentioning that this project comes within the program of Bethlehem Development Foundation to develop sports and community facilities in the Bethlehem district in line with the vision of the late Said Khoury, founder of BDF.





## PROGRESS OF NATIVITY CHURCH RESTORATION WORKS

The renovation of the northern and eastern facades of the Church of the Nativity has been completed. This restoration comes through a funding of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD).

With a total of \$4600,000, a total of 140 square meters of these walls have been restored. These actions come to complete the work of the restoration of the interior facades of the church buildings that took place last year and funded by AFESD at a total cost of \$500,000.

Technically, this restoration provides protection to the walls of the church from moisture factors to the interior walls, and protection from external weather factors.

Special natural materials were used to maintain the overall appearance of walls and provide full protection. The Repairing work included as well the removal of fungi and dust that caused the color of the walls to fade over time as well as the re-tiling walls.



## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT -JOINT SERVICES COUNCIL NEW BUILDING

The Bethlehem Governorate Joint Services Council for Solid Waste Management (JSC) received the new building in Bethlehem Multidisciplinary Industrial Park. This project considered to be part of the Solid Waste Management Project in the governorate, which was implemented by Bethlehem Development Foundation, funded by the Arab Monetary Fund through the Islamic Development Bank. The project included the construction of a central maintenance station, including a mechanical maintenance workshop, the administrative offices of the JSC and a parking garage.

