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The Tunis Office of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Supports the Ministry of Interior/Tunisian National Police

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INL in support of the MOI/Tunisian National Police recently completed the donation of 32 laptop computers, overhead projectors and work stations to the National Police Training Center in Bouchoucha. National Police trainers have created cur-

ricula in basic (40 hours) and intermediate (80 hours) computer skills that will enhance the individual officer's capacity in the field. Bouchoucha Training Commanders have adopted computer skills as a permanent part of their training for

officers around the country. This is the first dedicated computer lab for the National Police in Bouchoucha. The first course is scheduled to begin with the new group of recruits in September.



The First Dedicated Computer Lab for the National Police in Bouchoucha

Recent U.S. Deliveries Increase Ministry of Defense's Mobility

At a meeting held on May 12, U.S. Ambassador Jake Wallis informed Minister of Defense Farhat Horchani about the recent delivery to the Tunisian military of 52 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, also known as HMMWVs, and a 20-meter patrol boat.

The Tunisian Navy will use the boat, manufactured by SAFE Boats International, to improve the security of the country's territorial waters. This delivery is the first of a total of four boats to be delivered over the next year. These vessels will join a fleet of 22 other U.S.-manufactured boats ranging in size from eight to 20 meters delivered since 2013.

Together these vessels enhance Tunisia's maritime security by further enabling the Tunisian Navy to patrol maritime borders. Separately, the Ministry of Defense is receiving 52 HMMWVs.

These vehicles will be distributed throughout the Tunisian Armed Forces to improve force mobility. Tunisia has a long standing relationship with AM General, the HMMWV's manufacturer, and operates hundreds of these vehicles in various configurations to support ground operations.

The United States is pleased to support these efforts and help Tunisia on its pathway to a secure future. We are grateful for the strength of our deepening strategic partnership with Tunisia.



Fifty Graduates Take Part in Certificate Presentation Ceremony to Celebrate New Jobs

Fifty trainees from Teleperformance, one of the companies that receives support from #USAID Tunisia's Business Reform and Competitiveness Project (USAID #BRCP), received certificates of completion after working at the company for three months. The project's partners, the Education for Employment Foundation and

the Middle East Partnership Initiative, sponsored a ceremony at which the 50 graduates of the Teleperformance program were presented with certificates of completion, as were the graduates of six other professional firms who participated in the "One Up" training and job-matching program. Teleperformance created the

"One Up" pre-employment training program to prepare candidates to work in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector. USAID BRCP helps candidates to improve their French-speaking skills so they can use the language in a professional setting, in the private sector. Congratulations to all the graduates!



Najet Maamouri Gaining New Skills through USAID/UNIDO/HP-LIFE e-Learning Training

Najet Maamouri, 28, used to work in a call center as a team leader, but she always wanted to run her own company. In 2011, she started her own call center in “Al Kef” employing more than 20 people and conducting market research for a growing number of companies, mainly in France.

She was motivated to enroll in USAID/UNIDO/HP-LIFE e-Learning training to network with other professionals and entrepreneurs. Through the training, she also gained new marketing and managerial skills. She hopes to develop new partnerships and access new markets through the HP-LIFE global online community - especially with France, Switzerland and Belgium.



Najet Maamouri

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The Jamaity Awards: Celebrating Civil Society

The first annual Jamaity Awards, an initiative of Tunisia’s growing civil society platform “Jamaity” (My Association) were held in Tunis May 16, 2015 to celebrate the progress of Tunisia’s diverse civil society organizations. A total of 139 civil society organizations competed for awards in five categories: Sustainability, Networking, Advocacy/Community Mobilization, Local Impact and Innovation. The five winners accepted their awards at the evening award ceremony.

As collaborator and co-sponsor of the event, Mercy Corps presented the “Innovation” award to the president of the Gaia Therapeutic Farm. This non-profit organization works to protect the rights and dignity of people with disabilities and encourages their integration into society.

Gaia was recognized for innovation on three levels: its innovative governance model (notably, staff



Sahla Siala, vice-president of the Gaia Therapeutic Farm, accepting the CSO Innovation Award from Mercy Corps Program Manager Mourad Hentati

are involved in decision making along with the executive team); its approach to training people with disabilities along with non-disabled counterparts; and its funding model, which makes it possible for the association to cover some of its operating expenses by selling products from the farm.

Mercy Corps has been collaborating with Jamaity since its creation

to support the development of civil society in Tunisia’s less advantaged interior and southern regions. Through the MEPI-funded “Tunisia Leads!” program, Mercy Corps builds the capacity of CSOs to advance economic development through productive partnerships with the private sector. Two “Tunisia Leads!” CSOs, both from Medenine, applied for Jamaity awards. (The representative of the Medenine CSO “Hakkouna (Our Rights)” greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate. He was impressed by the number of CSOs, partner organizations and donors present, and will encourage other participants in the “Tunisia Leads!” program to apply for an award next year.

The Jamaity Awards event was a resounding success, and Jamaity collaborators, partners and Tunisian civil society organizations look forward to making the event an annual occasion to motivate the progress of Tunisian civil society.



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Since the January 2011 revolution, the United States has provided approximately \$550 million to support Tunisia's democratic consolidation, focusing on technical and financial assistance to Tunisia's economic growth, support for peace and stability, and support for civil society and democratic practices.

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