

H.B. INSPECTS CONSERVATION WORKS ON THE ROOF OF THE BASILICA OF THE NATIVITY IN BETHLEHEM

On the morning of Friday the 29th of August/11th of September 2015, the day of the commemoration of the Beheading of John the Baptist, H.B. Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, inspected conservation and renovation works on the roof the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, undertaken three years ago by the Palestinian State in collaboration with the Patriarchate, the Franciscans and the Armenians. The Patriarch was accompanied by Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, Archbishop Theophylaktos of Jordan and Archdeacon Evlogios. On the site, He was joined by Palestinian Minister Ziyad Badak, and a group of architects, conservators and other specialized technicians.

To inspect the works, His Beatitude stood on the scaffolding set up in order to facilitate workers and protect visiting pilgrims. He went on to express His content on progress made so far and give instructions for improvement.

From the Secretariat-General