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THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2018

2018 was a year that symbolised the continuous collective trauma imposed upon the Palestinian people and their homeland. Further punitive infringements from Israel's legislature and military, ignorant policy formation from a growingly isolated United States, and a weakening International consensus has the Palestinian people in despair. Dealing with these entrenched issues might seem difficult enough, yet 2018 would hold a painful reminder of just how far the Palestinian question has been marginalised and neglected. 2018 was the 70th anniversary of the *Nakba* ("The Catastrophe"), the tragic exodus of 700,000 Palestinians during the 1948 War that has fragmented a country, destroyed historic infrastructure and ultimately assigned the Palestinian people to a status of refugee hood. The ostracised status of the 1.4million Palestinians living in Israel was cemented this year with the controversial "Jewish Nation-State Law" that declared Israel to be the homeland for the Jewish people. 2018 was also the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Oslo Accords, a sharp reminder of how superficial the "right of self-determination" can be, particularly in the backdrop of occupation.

The year began on a treacherous note; the decision on the **6 December** 2017 of President Trump to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem (recognising the Holy City as Israel's capital) had angered the Palestinian Authority, which in response convened a PLO Central Council meeting on **14 January** in Ramallah where President Abbas declared the Oslo Accords dead and Trump's Middle East peace plan a "slap in the face". This feeling of betrayal was exacerbated just two days later with Trump's decision to withhold half of the its total allowance of its UNRWA budget (\$65million), followed by a more direct message to Palestinians on **24 January**: if you don't accept Jerusalem as Israel's capital, your aid will be cut. The hegemonic legitimisation of Israel's actions started a process of incursion in Jerusalem throughout 2018, most prominently at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Despite a longstanding agreement by Jordan and Israel that prevents non-Muslim religious rituals being practiced, the month of January saw at least 191 settlers and yeshiva students perform prayers in the site, a systemic abuse of power and prior agreement.



In the international arena, President Mahmoud Abbas addressed the UN Security Council on **20 February**, proposing an international conference to be held by mid-2018 based on international law and relevant UN resolutions, hoping to achieve a Palestinian state based on 1967 borders. Nevertheless, as is the case throughout this report, unrest wouldn't be far away. Israel's attempt to control and contain the Palestinian populous of Jerusalem resulted in a dystopian atmosphere hanging over the city: the instigation of a police watchtower checkpoint outside Damascus Gate (**17 February**) and CCTV cameras set up throughout the Old City created an environment of further suspicion for inhabitants. Judicial pressure would also manifest. The Jerusalem municipality's decision to start collecting an *arnona* tax on multi-pur-



pose buildings (including UN and Church property) led to vehement protests by Palestinians and Christian leaders. The 650 million NIS bill and likelihood of expropriation of Church property culminated on the closure of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for three days, initiated by community led-resistance that compelled Church leaders to oppose Israeli legislative aggression.

March began with the Knesset passing the “Breach of Loyalty” bill that allows the Interior Minister to revoke the permanent residency status of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem if their status was granted under false pretences, the resident endangered public security, or betrayed the State of Israel. On **13 February**, the convoy of Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah and the head of the General Intelligence Service Majid Faraj was struck by an explosion, seen as an assassination attempt, as they entered Gaza via the Erez checkpoint. The blast lightly injured several PA guards, nonetheless serves as a preliminary sign of a month of violence across the occupied territories. The Great Return March launched in Gaza on **30 March** - the anniversary of Land Day - saw at least 17 Palestinians killed and over 1,400 injured as Israeli forces sup-



pressed protestors with excessive force. It marked the beginning of a bloody 45-day protest across the border fence, which was initiated by Palestinian activists as a grassroots movement that sought to break free from the decade-long blockade of Gaza and fulfil the refugees’ right to return, but which Israel tried to portray as protests organised by Hamas. In the meantime, Israel Transportation Minister approved a plan for the first-ever light rail connecting Israeli settlements in the northern West Bank with Israeli proper by 2025.

More blood would be shed between Palestinian protestors and Israeli forces in continuation of the Great Return March in **April**. Any legitimacy of their protests was continually hampered by the United States’ veto in the UN Security Council, where the Trump administration blocked draft resolutions (**1** and **8 April**) that called for the investigation into the killing of Palestinian protestors in Gaza and Israel respecting international law and the right of Palestinian civilians to peacefully protest, respectively. In Jerusalem, in and amongst a growing trend of countries replicating the US’s decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem (Guatemala, Paraguay and Romania), Germany’s president Angela Merkel issued a public statement assuring that her country will not move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, maintaining Germany’s official rejection of a unilateral recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The validity of the two-state solution was subsequently upheld by King Salman of Saudi Arabia at the Arab League Summit on **15 April** with a \$150 m donation for the maintenance of Islamic heritage and to “support the administration of Jerusalem’s Islamic property”.



May 2018 will be remembered as a historic marker both for the Palestinian people and within the contemporary conflict. The decision to open US Embassy in the Arnona neighbourhood of Jerusalem (cutting across the 1949 Armistice Line) a day prior to Nakba Day was disastrous.



Israeli forces killed at least 68 Palestinians, wounding 1,200, as tens of thousands of protestors lined themselves up against the Gaza fence. A day later, the Palestinians would mourn the loss of their family members whilst remembering the anniversary of 70 years since the 'Nakba', where many were displaced and dispossessed, remaining refugees until this day (**15 May**).



The international community criticized the disproportionate force used by the Israeli army, most prominently the UN Human Rights Council that called for an international investigation into Israel's use of force along the Gaza border as well as the state of human rights in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. The resolution was passed 29-2 with 14 abstentions, with UNHRC's chief Prince Zeid Ibn Ra'ad commenting that Gazans "are, in essence, caged in a toxic slum from birth to death;

deprived of dignity; dehumanized by the Israeli authorities to such a point it appears officials do not even consider that these men and women have a right, as well as a reason, to protest". Ten days after the Nakba commemoration, it seemed normal service resumed, with Israeli Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman announcing plans for 2,500 settler homes in the West Bank, approving the destruction of 1,400 homes (**24 May**). A week later, another 2,070 new settlement units in the West Bank were approved.

In posterity, the Month of **June** will be remembered by the US actions to silence the international community's condemnation of Israel. This began on the **1 June** with the Trump administration considering changing the status of the US Consulate General in Jerusalem (which handles Palestinian affairs) and consolidate it within the newly built embassy. This ruling has since been implemented and



serves as formal recognition by the US that Israel controls the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The second instance of US hegemonic power and the undermining of international organisations occurred on **19 June**, when the Trump administration announced that it has withdrawn from the UN Human Rights Council, believing it to have an anti-Israel bias and a tolerance of abusive regimes. One week later, on **26 June**, the US suspended funds to the Palestinian Authority under the "Taylor Force Law", which sought to prevent the Palestinian Authority from paying

monthly stipends to the families of killed, wounded and imprisoned Palestinians. The impunity paid to the due diligence of international law served as a hammer-blow to peace efforts. Also in June, Israel's High Court ruled in favour of razing the Palestinian Bedouin village of Khan Al-Ahmar, located between Jericho and Jerusalem near the Israeli settlement of Maale Adumim.



In contrast to June where the Palestinian question was played out on the international stage, the month of **July** would be characterised by the role of the Knesset in constraining the rights and privileges of the Palestinians. On **16 July**, the Knesset approved (43:24) a second and third reading of the “Breaking the Silence” law which outlaws organisations that “oppose Israeli soldiers and the Israeli state education” from entering schools and meeting with parents. One day later, the Knesset passed the first reading of the “Facebook Bill” which demands deleting “inciting” content from social media. If passed, it will give courts authorisation to issue orders to delete internet content of social media platforms such as Facebook/Twitter/YouTube and private blogs classified as harmful to “human safety, public, economic, state or vital infrastructure safety”. Finally, and most controversially, was the Knesset’s approval on **18-19 July** of the long-debated Jewish Nation-State Law by 62-55. The law, now one of Israel’s Basic Laws, *inter alia* enshrines Israel as the “national home of the Jewish people” and abolishes the status of Arabic as an official language. In response, President Mahmoud Abbas stressed it “will not change the historical situation of Jerusalem as the capital of the occupied state of Palestine, and will not discourage our people from their legitimate struggle to defeat the occupation and establish their independent state”.



August, vis-a-vis international scrutiny, was a relatively quiet one. At the beginning of the month, exiled Hamas leaders, including Hussam Badran and Khalil Al-Hayya, arrived to Gaza City for high-level discussions in the context of indirect negotiations between Hamas and Israel over Gaza (**5 August**), after they given guarantees that Israel would not target them while there. **On 11 August**, tens of thousands of people protest against Israel’s Nation-State Law in Tel Aviv and its provisions, among them defining Israel as “the national home of the Jewish people”



with Hebrew as its official language and Jerusalem as its capital. On **23 August**, press reports revealed that the Israeli Interior Ministry planned to open just six polling stations in Jerusalem’s Palestinian neighbourhoods for the upcoming municipality elections in October compared to 187 within Jewish neighbourhoods. That same day, the Trump administration continued its isolatory policies by announcing that it would redirect funding meant for USAID programs in the Palestinian territories. In regard to judicial pressure, events on **28 August** at the Jerusalem District Court would set a dangerous precedent for any Palestinian legal authority over settlers and pave the way for regulating dozens of other illegal hilltop communities. The Court accepted an ownership claim made by settlers from the illegal Mitzpeh Kramim outpost in the West Bank, based on the “market overt concept” of property ownership, in which transactions conducted in good faith under certain conditions are considered valid – even if they have legal faults, such as in the case of sale of stolen goods, ruling that the outpost can be “legalised, even though part of the land on which it is

built is not owned and Palestinians have claimed ownership". The month was rounded up on **31 August** with the decision that, from 2019, the US will cut its entire aid budget to the UNRWA.

On **10 September**, the US announced that it would be shutting down the PLO diplomatic delegation in Washington, claiming that the "PLO has not taken steps to advance the start of direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel". Palestinians responded with a clear message, including President Abbas, who told the UN General Assembly on **28 September** that Palestinians rights are not up for sale



or negotiation and refused to be subject of blackmail and threats by the US government. In lieu of this international attention, the State of Palestine instituted proceedings against the US before the International Court of Justice, asking its judges to order Washington to remove the recently relocated US embassy from Jerusalem, concerning alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

October provided temporarily respite for the Palestinian cause with a number of important consensuses on the international stage that condemned Israeli incursions. On **10 October**, UNESCO adopted two resolutions on Palestine. The first confirmed Jerusalem as "the sacred city of the three monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam", the second clarified that "all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel that have been altered to change the character and status of the Holy City are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith". This was followed up one week later on **17 October** by a stark warning by the prosecutor for the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, stating that "extensive destruction of property without military necessity and population transfers in an occupied territory constitute war crimes under the Rome Statute". Meanwhile in Jerusalem, the Israeli executive



Nir Barkat announced his plans to remove UNRWA from East Jerusalem and take over its schools, claiming that there were no refugees in the city and accusing the agency of "operating illegally and promoting incitement against Israel". UNRWA dismissed these threats, arguing that they would not change facts, international resolutions and binding bilateral agreements and saying this part of an aggressive



campaign launched by the Israeli occupation to further Judaize the city of Jerusalem and erase its Palestinian identity. At the end of the month, on **30 October**, Palestinians in Jerusalem proved their resilience. It was the Jerusalem municipal elections. After 51 years of occupation, enforcement of Israeli laws and neglect - despite discussion about whether to continue the election boycott due to the Palestinian "in-limbo" situation (with three small groups of East Jerusalemites initially planning an unprecedented run for the municipal council withstanding a

30 July Fatwa forbidding participating in the election) the vast majority of Palestinians did not take to



the polls, considering it as recognition of the legitimacy of Israel's occupation. Meanwhile, Palestinians in the West Bank protested against a new social security law (**29 October**) due to take effect days later, arguing that the PA is not stable enough to be entrusted with workers' money and some called for the law to be postponed or made optional.

While Gaza remained under fire and arrest raids continued in the West Bank in **November**, surprising news came from the business world: after continuous pressure from alternative Western media outlets, the home-rental company Airbnb decided on **19 November** to remove about 200 listings in Israeli West Bank settlements,



considered to be illegal under international law. Other news came from Brazil, with controversial premier Jair Bolsonaro aligning himself with Israel and the US position regarding Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel. The month ended with yet another Israeli assault on a West Bank village – this time on Al-Mughayyir near Ramallah – where Palestinians protested against land seizures for Jewish settlements (**30 November**).

Frankly speaking, the year 2018 ended on the same note that it began: arrests, demolitions, attacks and intrusions. The focal point of the city, the Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif continues a power struggle that exists between: the Waqf guards, secular politicians who use the site as a tactical pawn in their quest for votes and the divine quest of orthodox Jewish figures that call for the construction of the Temple. This has led to a toxic atmosphere in the Old City, and one which could regrettably and unfortunately escalate at any point. General frustration with the overall desperate situation often discharges into attacks, creating a new spiral of violence triggered by Israeli actions. This was observed on **13** and **19 December** with deadly Palestinian shootings near West Bank settlements and the Israeli army's subsequent complete closure of the Ramallah area. On **19 December**, the Knesset voted 69:38 on the first reading of a Bill, proposed by the "Jewish Home" party, which would allow expelling families of Palestinians involved in attacks against Israelis. These two occurrences effectively describe the situation the contemporary plight of the Palestinian, driven to resort to desperate violence that plunges the Palestinian community further and further into the occupier's narrative of "terrorist". The response by Israel is regularly collective punishment, a total lockdown of Palestinian communities that disables its society, politics and economy. This then culminates in further domestic legislative and judicial pressure that continues to serve to legitimize Israel's actions, often in defiance of international law. 2018 has been a reminder of what was, what is, and unfortunately, what is to come.



RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM

PASSIA has undertaken its Research Studies Program ever since its foundation in 1987. To date, over 200 publications have been published under the auspices of this program, researched and written by PASSIA team members or by specifically contracted researchers, who, over the years, have been as diverse as the subjects covered. Authors of PASSIA publications have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts.

In its efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies, and documentation on issues of concern as well as to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause, PASSIA maintains that all research and publishing are done within the context of academic freedom. PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, yet they often address controversial or neglected issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives.

PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

As part of the 2018 Research Program, PASSIA published three educational bulletins, reprinted one of its out-of-print books and updated the factsheet section of its website.

Jerusalem and its Changing Boundaries

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Jerusalem & Its Changing Boundaries

INTRODUCTION **JANUARY 2018**

When US President Trump, ignoring the history of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and of the international consensus on Jerusalem, triggered a storm in the Middle East on 6 December 2017 by announcing the US's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and his intention to move the US embassy to the city from Tel Aviv, he notably stressed that this did not represent a change in US policy on the future borders of Jerusalem, which would remain subject to negotiations among the parties involved.

While the international rejection of Trump's statement on Jerusalem – clearly reflected in the votes in the UN Security Council (14:1) and the General Assembly (128:9) – was nearly unanimous, his declaration has given "support and comfort to the government of Israel in its pathologic denial of the occupation, of the Palestinian narrative, and of the simple fact that Jerusalem's status is a matter of dispute, not merely between Israel and the Palestinians, but with respect to the entire international community".

Palestinians fear that Trump's statement will induce the Israeli government to try even more aggressively to demonstrate – and do everything to consolidate – its "exclusive" control over the city (via settlement expansion, property destruction, encroaches on Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, etc.) were clearly justified as the latest Israeli legislative move has shown. On 2 January 2018, the Knesset passed a bill (an amendment to the Basic Law on Jerusalem) that requires a special two-thirds majority vote (as opposed to the previous absolute majority) to relinquish any part of Jerusalem to the Palestinians under a future peace accord, which effectively means that Jerusalem will never be on the negotiating table.

These two recent events concerning the fate of Jerusalem have made many people wonder what Jerusalem is actually being talked about. As a matter of fact, Jerusalem is much more referred to as a symbol and claim than a precise geographic area. Even many locals – Palestinians and Israelis – do not know the extent of present-day Jerusalem or what part of it is relevant to the negotiations. Is it the 1947 corpus separatum, or West Jerusalem in its pre-1967 borders, or Jerusalem in Israel's post-1967 unilaterally extended borders? And how and by whom were these different municipal boundaries drafted over time?

This bulletin intends to answer those questions by explaining the development of Jerusalem's geographic boundaries and what Jerusalem is currently being referred to. It also discusses the main approaches to Jerusalem that have been put forward in some of the key proposals since the time of the British Mandate period and describes the geo-political ramifications of the situation on the ground in Jerusalem today.

However, it should be noted that while this bulletin focuses on the issue of boundaries, one has to take account of various other aspects when trying to understand the dispute about Jerusalem: first and foremost its symbolic and religious significance, as well as the city's heterogeneity geo-strategic location.

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القديس وحدودها المتغيرة

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المقدمة

تخلع الرئيس الأمريكي دونالد ترامب بشكل مفاجئ تاريخ الصراع الفلسطيني- الإسرائيلي والمواقف الدولية بخصوص القدس، وأعلن عزمه إعادة سببية في القرار الأممي بتاريخ 6 كانون الثاني 2017، معلناً عن نواياها في إعلان القدس عاصمة لإسرائيل، وأعلن عن نيته نقل السفارة الأمريكية من تل أبيب إلى هذه المدينة، وقد قد على أن هذا القرار "لا يعكس أي تغيير في السياسة الأمريكية بشأن الحدود المستقبلية للقدس، التي ما زالت موضوعاً للتفاوض بين الطرفين المعنيين".

ومما زاد حدة الموقف الدولي التصريح الإسرائيلي بأن القدس هي عاصمة إسرائيل، والذي انعكس عليه في التصويت ضد القرار الأمريكي في مجلس الأمن الـ 648 (14:1) في الجمعية العامة (128:9) في 20 كانون الثاني، والذي كان رفضاً واضحاً لقرارية إسرائيل في أن القرار الذي قد سنح "كعدم الاعتراف بالوجود الإسرائيلي في إطاره، وليس الاعتراف بالاحتلال الإسرائيلي، وتأكيد الهوية الفلسطينية، والحفاظ على السيادة الفلسطينية، كما دعا جميع الدول الأعضاء في الأمم المتحدة على إدراجها في الوثائق الفلسطينية، بما في ذلك الاعتراف بالقدس عاصمة لإسرائيل".

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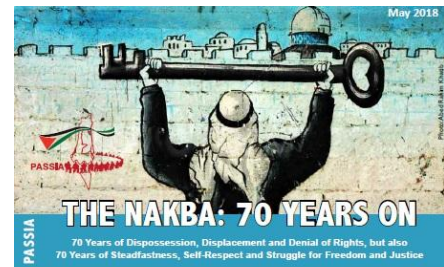
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The Nakba: 70 Years On

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As Palestinians commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Nakba in 2018, this bulletin presents a Palestinian narrative of the history of the events preceding and surrounding the Nakba and the partition of Palestine (1947-49). It shows how Palestine became a pawn in the hands of European countries, Jewish Zionists and Arab leaders, and explains why and how the Nakba – displacement and dispossession – continues to this day with land confiscations, settlement construction, and the denial of basic rights. At the same time, it emphasizes the steadfastness and resistance of the Palestinians to this day – despite all the repressions and attempts at erasing or distorting their history and memory they face – and argues that the 1948 Nakba not only remains the root cause of both the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and of the gross injustice inflicted on the Palestinian people, but will continue to fuel the Palestinian struggle for freedom and self-determination.



INTRODUCTION

2018 is the year where Palestinians all over the world remember the 70th anniversary of the Nakba – 70 years in which they had their civil and national rights trampled on, sacrificed lives and livelihoods, had their land stolen, their property destroyed, promises broken, were injured, insulted and humiliated, endured oppression, dispossession, imprisonment and torture, and witnessed numerous attempts to partition their homeland and divide their people.

However, despite all past and ongoing land confiscation, settlement construction, forcible displacements and rights denials, the Zionist movement has failed to empty the country of its indigenous Palestinian inhabitants, whose number has meanwhile increased to an extent that it is about to exceed that of the Jews. Despite all repressions at the hands of the occupier, despite all attempts at erasing or distorting their history and memory, and despite all political setbacks and failed negotiations, Palestinians are still steadfast on their land and resisting occupation.

The 1948 Nakba remains the root cause of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and will continue to fuel the Palestinian struggle for freedom and self-determination. As clearly reflected in the 'Great March of Return' which began on 30 March 2018 along the Gaza border fence, the Palestinians will not relinquish their historical and legal right of return to their homeland nor their demand that Israel acknowledge its moral and political responsibility for this ongoing tragedy and the gross injustice inflicted on the Palestinian people.

This bulletin intends to present a Palestinian narrative of the history of the events preceding and surrounding the Nakba and the partition of Palestine. It shows how Palestine became a pawn in the hands of European countries, Jewish Zionists and Arab leaders, and explains why and how the Nakba continues to this day.

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Understanding Gaza

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The cover of the bulletin 'Understanding Gaza' features a photograph of a group of people, including children, in a field. The title 'UNDERSTANDING GAZA' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters across the middle. Below the title, a subtitle reads 'Introduction'. The PASSIA logo is visible in the bottom left corner, and the date 'July 2018' is in the top left corner.

INTRODUCTION

Ever since the beginning of the Israeli occupation and especially in recent years, Gaza is usually associated with attributes such as military escalation, economic plight, and disastrous infrastructure, which makes it easy to forget that it is a place where normal people – doctors, teachers, artists, engineers, day laborers, men and women, young and old, and so on – live and try to make a living. Not normal are only the circumstances under which this part of the Palestinian society lives, or better, has to exist there, and the humanitarian distress it is exposed to for more than a decade by now.

Once an important trade center between Egypt and Mesopotamia, Gaza today is like the world's largest open-air prison, with close to two million people confined to a strip of land comprising some 365 km², making it one of the most densely populated places on earth. While also under Israeli occupation, the Gaza Strip is geographically severed from the West Bank and East Jerusalem, which has contributed significantly to the internal Palestinian political divide during the last decade.

In recent years, the Gaza Strip has increasingly made headlines due to its catastrophic humanitarian situation, fuelled by Israel's economic blockade and with no real prospects in sight. The Fatah and Hamas rivalry has only exacerbated these ills, as they fight over whom will pay for services in Gaza rather than respond to Gaza's needs. It was this despair that made thousands of people participate in the weakling "Great March of Return" protests near the separation fence that started on 30 March 2018 and tried to shake up the rest of the world about Israel controlling every aspect of their life in Gaza, but not taking any responsibility for its brutal consequences. At the same time, these mass demonstrations, during which Israeli forces killed at least 225 people and injured over 4,000, proved once again that Palestinian resistance is alive and the unmistakable message remains that Palestinians will never give up their right to return, the right to their land, their identity, and a dignified life, as part of the Palestinian state, and not in an isolated enclave or separate entity as has been repeatedly suggested over the past years and especially recently in the framework of the American plan.

This bulletin provides the facts and figures behind the stereotypical images of the Gaza Strip and examines the current situation, violence and poverty in an attempt to promote a comprehensive understanding of what Gaza is and what it means to be forced to live under a prolonged siege and military occupation.

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Gaza at a Glance:

Area: 365 km²: 45 km long, 5-12 km in width
Boundaries: 51 km Green Line (Israel), 11 km Egypt, 40 km Mediterranean coast.
Population, total (mid-2017): 1.94 million
Projected Population: 2030: 3.1 million
Population density (2017): 42.68
Population Growth Rate: 3.8%
Fertility Rate (2017): 4.17
Median Age (2016): 18.4 years
Population Density (persons/km²): 2017: 5,324
Refugees (UNRWA-registered, 2017): 1,348,536; 40.2% live in 5 camps.
GDP Growth (2017): 2.7%
GDP per capita (US \$, Q4 2017): 423.5
Unemployment (2017): 44%, among youth: 60%
Poverty rate (2017): 39%

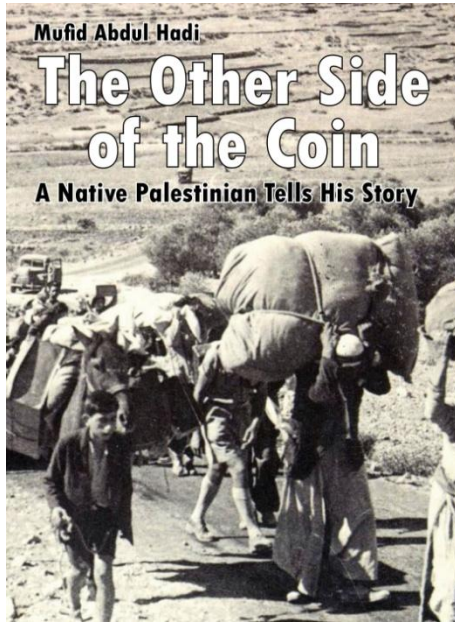
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Violations of international law and the commission of war crimes by the state of Israel are frequently mentioned in the context of the ongoing occupation, currently in its 50th year, but often people are not fully aware of what this “international law” actually refers to or where and why it is being “violated”. This bulletin intends to shed some light on these questions by surveying the international law regulations currently violated by Israel, which include UN resolutions and articles from treaties and declarations. It introduces the different sources of international law and explains third states’ responsibility to enforce them. It further elaborates on the authority and legal power of different sources of international law and gives an overview of Israel’s duties following from it, be it as a state party to treaties, as a subject of UN resolutions, or otherwise.

The bulletin includes a comprehensive appendix listing the main Israeli violations of the different sources of international law and what obligations follow from that for Israel as well as the international community.

The Other Side of the Coin – A Native Palestinian Tells His Story

Mufid Abdul Hadi (translated from Swedish by A. Schabbauer), English, p. 262, PASSIA Publication, 2nd ed., March 2018.



The Other Side of the Coin was originally published in Stockholm in 1962 and is a very personal but unemotional account of the phase in the history of the Palestinian people that preceded and centered around the Naqba. It is based on the author's desire to describe the Arabs' side of the story from his personal perspective, whilst reflecting at the same time the way of thinking of many Palestinians.

Through the book, we follow Dr. Abdul Hadi on his journey from Palestine to Europe - where he spent the war years in Germany - and then back to Jerusalem, from where he was forced to flee to several neighboring Arab countries in 1948 along with hundreds of thousands of other Palestinians as a result of the Naqba.

The publication of this testimony - a unique narrative of the experiences of an upper class Palestinian family before and during this traumatic period in the history of the Palestinian people - coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Naqba. Dr. Abdul Hadi's book should therefore prove itself a timely and interesting account for anyone with an interest in learning about the Palestinian 'Catastrophe' and what it meant, not only to those Palestinians directly involved but to the new generation of Palestinians who are still trying to come to grips with their loss.

JERUSALEM

The Question of Jerusalem has been a primary focus of PASSIA's activities ever since its foundation in 1987, including hosting meetings, academic research, documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions.

PASSIA projects intend to facilitate the exchange of information, to identify various needs and interests in the city and to encourage the development of possible future scenarios. These goals, in turn, have led to the discussion of a broad range of Topics, including infrastructure, demographic and geopolitical issues, settlements and land use, 'absentee property', the Old City, religion and religious affiliation with the city, Israeli institutions, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

Over the years, Palestinian, Israeli, and foreign speakers from a variety of backgrounds - including scholars and academics, representatives from the three monotheistic religions, political figures, diplomats and visiting scholars or researchers - have been invited to give presentations, present research findings, and encourage debate on the issues at hand.

During 2018, PASSIA's ongoing work on Jerusalem included:

- (1) roundtable discussions and briefings (see below);
- (2) research and documentation on the deteriorating situation in East Jerusalem in general and at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in particular;
- (3) preparation and publication of a poster on the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound;
- (4) publication of a Bulletin on *Jerusalem and its Changing Boundaries* (see Research Studies Program above).

For events or meetings related to religious issues and Al-Aqsa Mosque please see the chapter on the Religious Studies Unit below.

◆ MEETINGS

2 January 2018, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem in the Aftermath of President Trump's Speech**

Participant(s): Arne Lietz, Member, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Germany.

22 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Situation in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Delegation from the School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Washington, USA: William Zartman, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Organization and Conflict Resolution; Daniel Serwer, Professor; Upper Level Grad Students: Paras Khan, Melanie Snail, George Mastoris, Attorney, Emma Bates, Teacher, Kristin Casper, Kamille Gardner, Sarah Kouhlani, Swetha Ramachandran, Elizabeth Goffi, Emma Lafountain, Gillea Benitez, Aaron Huff, Mona Oswald; Tasneem Qasem, PASSIA Team.





20 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: How to Defend Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem - Bab Ar-Rahmeh as a Case Study

Participant(s): Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head, High Council of Waqf, Jerusalem; Rev. Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Head, the Islamic-Christian Commission in Support of Jerusalem & Holy Sites, former Latin Patriarch; Prof. Imad Abu Kishkek, President, Al-Quds University; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Member, Awqaf Council, Dean of Medical School, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Mazen Sinokrot, Member, Awqaf Council, Chairman of AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Eng. Fouad Dakkak, Member, Awqaf Council; Eng. Adnan Hussein, Governor of Jerusalem and Minister of Jerusalem Affairs; Hatem Abdel Qader, Fatah member, former Minister of Jerusalem Affairs, former PLC member for Jerusalem; Sami Irsheid, Lawyer, Jerusalem; Usama Halabi, Lawyer, Researcher, Jerusalem; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Mohammad Hadieh, Legal Counselor; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice-President, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Ghassan Deik, Dean of Registration, Al-Quds University; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar El Balad; Ratebeh Natsheh, Social Youth Activist; Walid Salem, Lecturer; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Nabeel Hammodeh, Businessman; Naim Maslamani, Professor, Al-Quds University.



6 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Future of Jerusalem, Negotiations & the Question of Palestinian Representation in the City

Participant(s): Center for Jerusalem Studies, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem: Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; MA Students: Khaled Mudaber, Lawyer; Shorouq Issa, Administrative Officer; Wiam Al-Shihabi, Attended Lawyer; Hiba Al-Fattash, Teacher; Oday Sinokrot, Employee.



20 March 2018, Golden Walls Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Organizer: Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies, Beit Sahour

Participant(s): Irish Delegation.



23 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Education on Jerusalem

Participant(s): Delegation from Prime Ministry/Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities: Mehmet Nedim Aslan, Middle East Coordinator; Sevinç Ebru Temel, Expert; Mehmet Zahit Uzun, Head of Section, Deputy Directorate General for the Council of Europe and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey.



29 May 2018, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: What's behind Israel's New Plans of Survey & Registration of Land in East Jerusalem

Speakers: Khalil Tafakji, Director of the Mapping and Geographic Information Systems Department of the Arab Studies Society; Elias Khoury, Lawyer, Jerusalem.

Participants: Mehmet Zahit Uzun, Vice Consul, Consulate General of Turkey, Jerusalem; Takeshi Ota, Deputy Head, Representative Office of Japan, Ramallah; Diego Ciliento, Intern, Consulate General of Italy, Jerusalem; Basia Nino, Development Expert, Representative Office of Poland, Ramallah; Ashraf Suliman, Head, Representative Office of South Africa to the PA, Ramallah; Choi Young-Sam, Korean Representative; Andre Cortez, First Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil, Ramallah; Felix Makarowski, Consulate General of Sweden, Jerusalem; Rémy Bouallegue, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of France, Jerusalem; Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Christina Stahlbock, Representative, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service); Eveline Muhareb, DAAD; Joris Van Winckel, Political Officer, Office of the European Union Representative (EUREP); Maria Marti, Attaché in EU Delegation to West Bank and Gaza Strip (JPD), EUREP; Samah Jaouny, Program Manager, East Jerusalem Programme, EUREP; Raymond Dolphin, OCHA; Andy Dwonch, Mission Director for Palestine, Mercy Corps; Lasse Jacobsen, Intern; Neele Eilers, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Wolfgang Schmidt, Propst, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; José Vericat, Country Representative & Field Office Director, Carter Center; Isobel Scott-Barrett, Programmes Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Shifa Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Jumana Jaouni, Head of Mission Advisor, ICRC; Jamal Al-Aref, UNDP; ; Terry Bullata, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SCD); Saad Halawani, National Programme Manager, SCD; Ayham Nasser, UNDP; Rev. Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Head, Islamic-Christian Commission in Support of Jerusalem & Holy Sites, former Latin Patriarch; Sana' Hasna, Researcher, Jerusalem File, Palestinian Negotiation Support Project, Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; May Hallaq, Lawyer; Mahmoud Jarallah, Businessman; Imad Abu Diab, General Manager, JDC; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar El Balad; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journal-



ist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Muntaser Edkeidek, Executive Manager, Burj Al-Luqluq Social Center, Jerusalem; Khalil Issa, Advocacy Officer, PalVision; Dr. Amjad Shihab, General Manager, Al-Shihab Al-Maqdisi College; Walid Salem, Director, CDCD; Ratebeh Aladin, FIDA; Maha Samman, Professor, Al-Quds University; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer, Jerusalem; Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; Rawan Dajani, Deputy Director, Deputy Director General, Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; Christine Rinawi, Palestine TV, Jerusalem; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Al-Quds University; Nora Carmi, Kairos Palestine; Fayzeh Zalatimo, Consultant, Red Crescent Society & Member of the Board of Trustees, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi, Jerusalem; Amal Nashashibi, Chair of Board, Al-Mirsat; Sylvia Abu Laban, President, Basmet Amal Society; George Zeidan, Co-Founder of Palestine Marathon, Palestine Marathon Organizing Committee, Right to Movement; Hiba Aslan, Palestine TV; Kholoud Al-Khayyat Al-Dajani, Professor, Dean, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Feras Abu Diab, Engineer; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice-President, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Khaled Kaloti, Businessman, Jerusalem; Haifa Siam, Translator; Rania Muhareb, Al-Haq; Mohammed Nuseibeh, Al-Dar Hotel, Jerusalem; Ahmad Jalajel, Al-Quds Newspaper; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hiba Zayed, Intern, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA Team.



7 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem in the History of the Palestinian Cause and in Palestine's Diplomatic Relations and the Increasing Israeli Settler Presence in the City

Participant(s): University of Cambridge Students: Jay Mens; Frida Winzell; Hani El-Bay; Naman Habtom; Barry Colfer; Ishaan Bhardwaj; Sudipta Purkayastha; Daniela Bosnjak; Micayla Colman; Kate Sligo; Olivia Grace Cowgill; Isuru Devendra; Theo Demotele.



24 September 2018, YWCA, Jerusalem

Topic: Current Israeli Agendas in Occupied East Jerusalem & Their Implications for the Two-State-Solution

Speaker: Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group
Participant(s): Amb. Anna-Kaisa Heikkinen, Head, Representative Office of Finland, Ramallah; Douglas Scott Proudfoot, Head, Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah; Aleksandra Bukowska-McCabe, Head, the Representative Office of the Republic of Poland, Ramallah; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil, Ramallah; Danielle Haven, Consul General of Belgium; Francesco Paolo Russi, Intern, Italian Consulate; Tom Rutledge, British Consul General; Unni Rambøll, Deputy Head,

Representative Office of Norway, Ramallah; Hugo Henry, Deputy Consul and Political Advisor, French Consulate; Julien Thöni, Head, Representative Office of Switzerland; Amb. Francisco Mauro de Holanda, Head, Representative Office of Brazil; Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Saliha Engel, Intern, FES; Bülent Korkmaz Coordinator, TIKa; Muhammet Akcay, Deputy Coordinator, TIKa; Yahya Kemal Tunca, Deputy Coordinator, TIKa; Rami Sublaban, Project Assistant, TIKa; Luca Szucz, PhD Student, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; Tamás Szenderák, Delegate, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Kathrin Lorenz, GIZ; Andreas Hermann, Head of the GIZ Civil Society Program, GIZ; Andrew Hebert, PIJ; Bernadette Loussi, Program Coordinator, Hanns-Seidel Stiftung, Jerusalem; Shifa Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice-President, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Azmi Abu Soud, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Samer Daoudi, Policy Adviser & Communications Coordinator, PNGO Network; Abdel Qader Al-Husseini, Head of the Board of Directors, Faisal-Husseini Foundation; Fadwa Hussein, Executive Director, Faisal Hussein Foundation; Claudette Habash, President of Board of Trustees, Bethlehem University; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Fayzeh Zalatimo, Consultant, Red Crescent Society & Member of the Board of Trustees, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi, Jerusalem; Lucy Nusseibeh, Al-Quds University; Marwan Asali, Representative in Palestine, Universal Hospital Services; Ahmed Maswadeh, EWBZN; Elias Loussi, Civil Engineer, Jerusalem; Maha Samman, Professor, Al-Quds University; Dr. Nafez Nubani, Medical Doctor; Sandrine Amer, Director, YWCA, Jerusalem; Dr. Samir Ameen Khatib, Medical Doctor; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Mohammad Abed Rabbo, Miftah; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA Team; Tasneem Qasem, PASSIA Team; Jeanne Dubroca, Intern, PASSIA; Irena Dahl, Intern, PASSIA; Ruth del Pino Bleijerveld, Intern, PASSIA.



8 January 2018, YWCA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem, Palestine, and the “Jewish Nation-State” Law

Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Tibi, Member of the Knesset, Head of the Jerusalem Committee in the Arab Joint List

Participants: Danielle Haven, Consul General of Belgium; Arnaud Foray, Assistant à la Chancellerie Politique, French Consulate; Matilda Rosenkvists, Intern, Swedish Consulate; Francesco Paolo Russi, Intern, Italian Consulate; Simon Mmutle, First Secretary, Representative Office of South Africa; Sigbjørn Litland, First Secretary, Representative Office of Norway; Patrick Jacobs, Counsellor Political, Representative Office of South Africa; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil, Ramallah; Justyna Pabian, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland; Amb. Afif Safieh, Roving PLO Ambassador for Special Missions, UK; Andreas Hermann, Head of the GIZ Civil Society Program; Greg Mahler, Professor of Politics, Earlham College, USA; Andrew Hebert, PIJ; Thomas Dallal, Deputy Director, Diakonia; Anna Reimann, Spiegel Journalist; Eman Kasz, Journalist; Suleiman Abu Dayyeh, Head, Palestine Desk, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty (FNF); Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Saliha Engel, Intern, FES; Majdoleen Jibril, PCBS; Jamal Al-Natsheh, Dr. Social Affairs; Ibrahim Mattar; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Member of the Islamic Higher Committee; Ahmad Rwaidy, Head, Representative Office, Organization of Islamic Cooperation



to the State of Palestine; Claudette Habash, Caritas; Azzam Dakkak; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department (YDD); Samer Nusseibeh, CEO and Vice President, Mohammed Zaki Nusseibeh & Sons Group; Ibrahim Abudalo, Lawyer; Yasmin Abu Ghazaleh, Palestinian Family Planning & Protection Association; Walid Salem, Lecturer; Usama Halabi, Lawyer; Maha Samman, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Salah Zuheikeh, Fateh; Fouad Dakkak, Engineer; Fouad Hallak, Policy Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Sana' Hasna, Researcher, Jerusalem File, Palestinian Negotiation Support Project, Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Samia Khouri, Retiree; Imad Muna, General Manager, Educational Bookshop; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice President for Jerusalem Affairs Al-Quds University; Dr. Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, Al-Quds University; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Mohammad Abed Rabbo, Miftah; Areej Deibes, Translator; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA Team; Tasneem Qasem, PASSIA Team; Jeanne Dubroca, Intern, PASSIA; Irena Dahl, Intern, PASSIA.



15 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Political History and Current Status of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Members of Norwegian Palestina Komiteen: Trine Sollie, Journalist; Mia Korsmo Sundberg, Student; Nathalie Aune, Legal Secretary; Afran Zaheri, Student; Kjetil Løken, Pensioner; Sophia Løksa, Doctor; Maria Løksa, Medical Vet; Birte Bødtker, Art Director; Kristine Martisen, Palestine Committee of Norway; Wenche Wie, Family Therapist; Ragnar Børshheim, Doctor; Marwa Jubeh, Intern, PASSIA; Liana Hammouri, Intern, PASSIA; Irena Dahl, Intern, PASSIA; Jeanne Dubroca, Intern, PASSIA.



21 November 2018, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Political History and Current Status of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Martin Larose, Director for Israel, West Bank & Gaza Relations Division, Global Affairs, Canada; Amb. Deborah Lyons, Embassy of Canada in Israel; Adv. Hiba Hussein, Manager, Hussein & Hussein Attorneys & Counselors-at-Law; Walid Salem, Lecturer; Lior Schillat, Director General, Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research; Yudit Oppenheimer, Executive Director, Ir Amim.

5 December 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Palestine: What Lies ahead?

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

Participant(s): Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group, Netherlands: Jan Willem Weck, Moderator; Annelies Jorna, Researcher; Anho van Hoepa, Vice-Chairman; Hans van Dijk, Private Banker; Corni de Voght, Banker; Fenny van Veghen, Prosecutor; Erik Pool, Director; Jolanda Hillebrand, Coach; Pieter-Matthijs Gijsbers, Director.



31 December 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Education in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Dr. Ishaq Qutob, President, Arab Student Aid International; Mohammad Qutob, Doctor of Chemistry; Prof. Maher Natsheh, Acting President, Al-Najah University, Nablus; Lamis Alami, Former Minister of Education; Dr. Hisham Dajani, Head, Arab Orphan's Committee.



◆ BRIEFINGS

3 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Azhar Upcoming International Conference in Support of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ahmad Abu Owf, Representative Office of Egypt to the PA, Ramallah



7 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Participant(s): Hawazi Daipi, Singapore's Representative to the PNA, Singapore; Wu Jiaju, Country Officer, International Economic Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore; Mitchel Lee, Deputy Director, Technical Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore



13 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem after Trump's Declaration

Participant(s): Ian Anderson, Counsellor and Head of Political Section, Representative Office of Canada to the PA; Christian Bedford, Senior Policy Advisor, Israel, West Bank and Gaza (ELA), Canada; Michael Atallah, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Division, Canada.



13 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Crisis of Palestinian Leadership and the Question of Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ahmad Abu Owf, Representative Office of Egypt to the PA, Ramallah.



28 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem Issues

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.



15 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Developments in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Hrair Balian, Director of the Conflict Resolution Program, Carter Center; José Vericat, Country Representative & Field Office Director, Carter Center; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



16 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

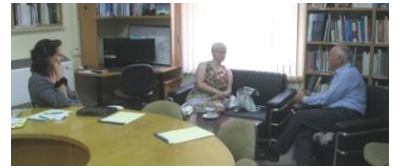
Topic: Jerusalem Issues

Participant(s): Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.

30 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Civil Society Problems in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Danielle Haven, Belgian Consul General, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



5 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem Municipal Elections 2018

Participant(s): Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah.



25 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Recent Developments in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group; Meejeong Hong, Professor, Dankook University, Seoul, Korea; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA, Hiba Zayed, Intern, PASSIA.



13 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

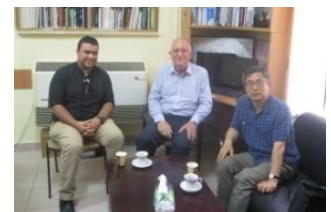
Participant(s): Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Head, Islamic-Christian Commission in Support of Jerusalem & Holy Sites, former Latin Patriarch.



15 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem History and Culture

Participant(s): Akihisa Matsuno, Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP), Osaka University, Japan; Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University.



29 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem: Current Threats and Scope of Action

Participant(s): Daniel Seidemann, Israeli Attorney, Expert on Geo-Political Jerusalem, Director, Terrestrial Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



30 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Municipal Elections in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Etienne Monin, Foreign Correspondent, Radio France, Jerusalem; Daren Jubeh, Producer.



6 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Israeli Agendas on Jerusalem

Participant: Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East & North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.

12 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Historic/Religious Places in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ofer Zalzburg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group; Yonathan Mizrahi, Executive Director, Emek Shaveh; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



16 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Representativeness of Civil Society Organizations and Inclusion of Marginalized Groups in Jerusalem

Participant(s): GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH: Sarmina Ferhad-Stavginsky, German Consultant; Susan Klinker, Development Advisor, Civil Society Programme; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



8 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Creative Exchange with Professionals in the Cultural Field in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Christine Elise Bernhardt, Founder, Jerusalem International Fellows (JIF) Program; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



8 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Elections in Jerusalem

Participant(s): Italian Consulate General, Jerusalem: Luigi Mattiolo, Deputy Consul General; Francesco Paolo Russi, Intern; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



9 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participant(s): Ambassador Afif Safieh, Roving PLO Ambassador for Special Missions, UK.



◆ MEDIA

2 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Knesset Bill Preventing Division of Jerusalem Effectively Preempting Future Negotiations

Participant(s): Christine Rinawi, Palestine TV, Jerusalem.



19 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Documentary on Jerusalem

Participant(s): Alaa Abu Ghosh, Collage Productions, Ramallah.



24 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: President Trump's Decision on Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May

Participant(s): On Live



24 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: President Trump's Decision on Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May

Participant(s): Palestine TV: Ihab Dmeiri, Correspondent; Ali Yassin, Cameraman.

8 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

Participant(s): Nawal Assad, BBC.



12 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

Participant(s): Steffen Jensen, Journalist, TV2 Denmark.



14 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

Participant(s): Shuroq Al-As'ad, Dubai TV.



14 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

Participant(s): Le Monde: Suheir Hashimeh; Allam Kaval.



16 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Al-Jazeera English.

16 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Issues**

Participant(s): Sky News English.

6 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Shock of Defeat of the Generation That Witnessed the Fall of Jerusalem**

Participant(s): MusawaChannel.

21 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Impact of President Trump's Decision on Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Mehul Srivastava, Financial Times, UK; Diana Buttu, Private Attorney and Consultant, Haifa/Jerusalem; Nidal Rifa, Journalist, Jerusalem.



18 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat's Plan to End UNRWA Services in Jerusalem**

Participant(s): Ahmad Jaradat, Al-Arabi TV.



22 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Arrest of PA Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith, the Abduction a Palestinian Resident, and the Sale of an Old City Property to Jews**

Participant(s): Ashams Radio.

29 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem Municipal Elections 2018**

Participant(s): BBC Radio- English: Tom Bateman, Middle East Correspondent; Yousef Shomali, Producer; Rajai Khatib, Fixer.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Realizing the increasing need for a better understanding of religious issues and the various religious communities, PASSIA establish its Religious Studies Unit in 1998. The Unit promotes inter-religious dialogue and activities, dealing primarily with the causes and consequences of problems within and between the established religious communities as well as the political repercussions of religious conflict.

To do so, PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit combines the following activities, some of which held 'off the record' to allow for the frankest exchange and debates possible:

- Workshops and seminars on a specific topic, involving either members of the three monotheistic religions or only representatives of the Christian or Muslim community, aimed at finding common ground and mutual understanding.
- Participation in conferences, here and abroad, that deal with aspects of religion, belief and interfaith, or foster an open debate on religious issues and aspects as they concern the people in the Holy Land.
- Roundtable and brainstorming sessions, involving members of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit and local and foreign counterparts from one or more of the three monotheistic religions, which usually include a guest speaker presenting a certain inter- or intra-religious topic, followed by a discussion.
- Documentation and publication of research studies or proceedings from meetings/seminars.

For meetings related to **Jerusalem** please see also the Chapter on Jerusalem.

For more details and related materials on activities under the Religious Studies Unit please refer to PASSIA's website (www.passia.org).

◆ MEETINGS

24 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jerusalem and the Holy Places**

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University

Participant(s): Delegation of Dutch and German public and private sector executives from the Comenius Leergangen group.



5 December 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds University

Participant(s): Delegation from the Comenius Leergangen Group, Netherlands: Jan Willem Weck, Moderator; Annelies Jorna, Researcher; Anho van Hoepa, Vice-Chairman; Hans van Dijk, Private Banker; Corni de Voght, Banker; Fenny van Veghen, Prosecutor; Erik Pool, Director; Jolanda Hillebrand, Coach, Pieter-Matthijs Gijsbers, Director.



◆ BRIEFINGS

6 March 2018, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque

Participant(s): Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head, High Council of Waqf, Jerusalem; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem.



2 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque & Al-Awqaf

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.



7 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Challenges Facing the Holy Places in Jerusalem

Participant: Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.



22 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Developments at Al-Aqsa Mosque

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.

27 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque (Al-Haram Ash-Sharif)

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, General Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem.



◆ MEDIA

8 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Jews Prevented from Entering Al-Aqsa Mosque due to Recent Tension on the Compound**

Participant(s): Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper.

30 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Recent Events at Al-Aqsa Mosque**

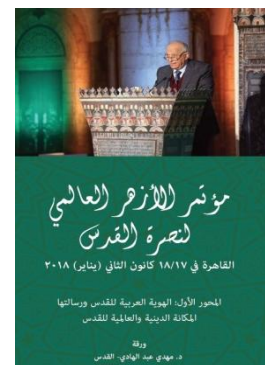
Participant(s): Al-Jazeera Arabic.

◆ RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Jerusalem's Identity and its Religious and Universal Status

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Arabic, January 2018

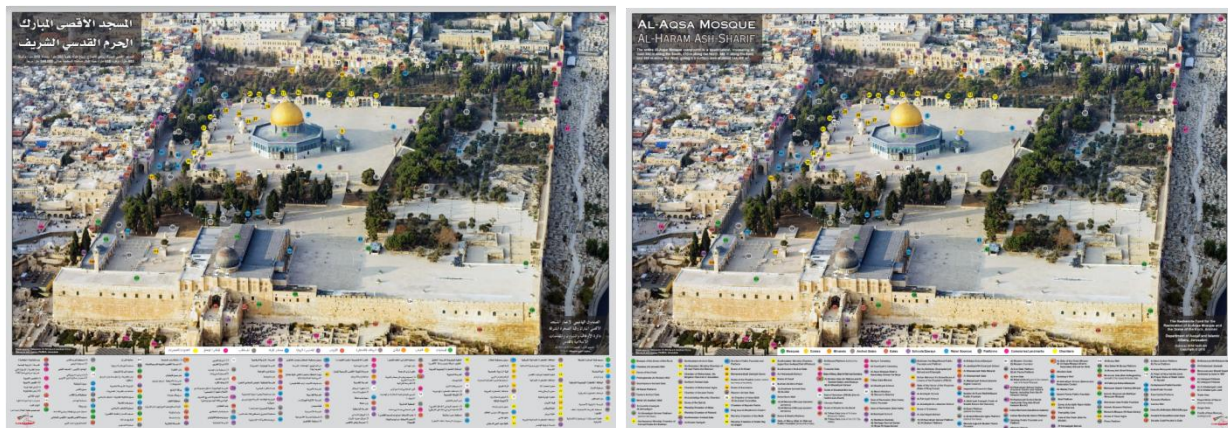
This paper presents a brief reading of the religious and secular scene in Jerusalem in “Ten Stations” and through the review of religious texts and historical documents. It is based on a lecture presented by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi at the Al-Azhar International Conference in Support of Jerusalem.



PASSIA has also been working on a new monograph of its series on religious figures in the three monotheistic faiths, this time dealing with **Ishmael and Isaac**.¹ Contributions were made by Dr. Yehezkel Landau, Fr. Rafiq Khoury, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, and the publication will be released in early 2019.

In addition, PASSIA prepared, designed and published a poster depicting 143 monuments located on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, including mosques, domes, arched gates, schools, corridors, gates, pulpits, platforms, Al-Buraq Wall, and water sources.

Poster on Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, English and Arabic, 100 x 70 cm, December 2018



¹ Previous editions dealt with *Abraham* (1999), *Joseph* (2002), *Moses* (2003), and *Jesus* (2007).

DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has striven to promote free expression within Palestinian society and to foster a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, be they in the domestic or international context. In doing so, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a unique forum for dialogue and exchange and for serving as a catalyst for civic debate.

Central to these efforts has been the presentation and analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches through PASSIA's Dialogue Program. Topics addressed and discussed cover a wide range of subjects broadly and specifically related to the Palestine Question, from historical aspects to the current Middle East Peace Process and internal Palestinian affairs.

The PASSIA Dialogue Program is composed of roundtable meetings and briefings. As part of the former, speakers are invited (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. These **meetings** aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts. In order to accommodate a larger audience attending those meetings 'public lectures', most of them take place in hotel halls (in Jerusalem or Ramallah). Speakers, discussants and participants usually include local and foreign figures from a diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: scholars, professionals, officials and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

In comparison, PASSIA **briefings** are a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings typically focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from different streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and their counterparts. Briefings also include meetings in which resident diplomats, visiting foreign delegations or student groups from international universities discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories, as well as media briefings with resident and visiting correspondents and journalists. In return, PASSIA receives invitations to meetings with diplomats and visiting foreign dignitaries at other venues helping to consolidate relationships and forge connections between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some meetings, as well as related materials, can be found on PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>). For meetings on Jerusalem or on religious issues please see the corresponding chapters in this report.

◆ MEETINGS

23 January 2018, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Welcoming Reception for Mr. José S. Vericat, New Country Representative/ Field Office Director of the Carter Center

Organizer: The Carter Center, Ramallah.

24 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Question of Palestine, What Lies ahead?

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

Participant(s): Delegation of Dutch and German public and private sector executives from the Comenius Leergangen group.



25 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FES-PASSIA Annual Cooperation 2018

Participant(s): Dr. Beyhan Senturk, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Sofia Sturm, Junior Guest Researcher, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



1 February 2018, Consul General's Residence, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

Topic: Working Dinner

Organizer: British Consulate General, Jerusalem

Participant(s): Dr. John Jenkins, Corresponding Director of the Middle East Branch of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Bahrain; Philip Hall, HM Consul General, British Consulate General, Jerusalem; Jamie Wheeler, Head of the Political Team, British Consulate General, Jerusalem; Clarisse Pasztory, Head of EU Liaison Office Erbil, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Iraq; Hind Khoury, Secretary-General, Kairos Palestine; Jumana Jaouni, Head of Mission Advisor, ICRC; Richard Zananiri, Peace International.

5 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Culture and Art

Participant(s): Senator Cristovam Buarque, Former Minister of Education, Governor of the Federal District, and Dean of the University of Brasilia; Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Leandro Vieira Silva, First Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Issa Issa Qawasmi, Writer & Photographer; Azzam Abu Saud, Writer; Sani Meo, General Manager & Publisher, This Week in Palestine; Khalil Touma, Poet & Interpreter; Dr. Safa Nasser Eddin, Vice-President, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al-Quds University.



15 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Annual Mission of the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Delegation to the oPT

Participant(s): Frank Hagemann, Deputy Regional Director for the Arab States, Beirut; Steven Kapsos, Head, Data Production and Analysis Unit, Department of Statistics, ILO, Geneva; Katerine Landuyt, ILO, Geneva; Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO Jerusalem; Rasha El-Shurafa, Senior Programme Officer, ILO Jerusalem.



3 April 2018, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Israel Today: The Rise of the Right and its Implications

Speakers: Ayman Odeh, Member of the Knesset; Head of the Joint List; Anton Shalhat, Author, Researcher and Director of the Israel Unit at MADAR Center, Ramallah.

Participant(s): Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Andre Cartez, Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah; Patrick Jacobs, Counsellor, Representative Office of South Africa to the PA, Ramallah; Pauline Besson, Press Attachée, French Consulate, Jerusalem; Elina Eloranta, Deputy Head, Representative Office of Finland to the PA, Ramallah; Francesco Brusaporco, Consulate General of Italy, Jerusalem; Artūras Gailiūnas, Head, Representative of Lithuania, Ramallah; Wade Jacobs, Student, South Africa; Dr. Beyhan Senturk, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Judith Stellmach, Program Manager, FES Israel, Herzliya; Nisreen Al-Aref, Head of Administration and Finance, FES, Jerusalem; Kora Loebler, Intern, FES, Jerusalem; Sana' Hasna, Researcher, Jerusalem File, Palestinian Negotiation Support Project, Negotiations Affairs Department, Ramallah; Dr. Mohammed Dajani, Professor; Bashir Muhtaseb, Lawyer; Elias Khoury, Lawyer; Mahmoud Abu Eid, Tour Guide; Maher Deeb, Physician; Mahmoud Jarallah, Businessman; Diana Safieh, Safia Tours; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer, Jerusalem; Jamal Al-Aref, Program Manager, UNDP; Walid Salem, Director, CDCD; Aref Hussein, Founder of Al-Nayzak; Khaled Kaloti, Businessman, Jerusalem; Ali Dowani, Cameraman, Roya TV; Saman Khoury, PDF, Jerusalem; Terry Bullata, Swiss Development Cooperation; Khalil Assali, Journalist, Akhbar El Balad; Mohammad Abu Khdeir, Journalist, Al-Quds Newspaper; Mazen Sinokrot, Chairman of AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Hani abu Diab; Azmi Qaddomi, Kaddomi Co.; Hani Bullata, AFD; Tamer Sawalha; Nora Kort, President, Community Development Consultant; Dr. Amjad Shihab, General Manager, Al-Shihab Al-Maqdisi College; Dr. Suleiman Ghosheh, Medical Doctor, Jerusalem; Raed Saadeh, Jerusalem Tourism Cluster, TAJ; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Tasneem Qasem, Volunteer, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA.



19 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Participant(s): Norwich University Students - Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Field Study: Dr. Travis Morris, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Director of the Peace and War Center, Norwich University; Thomas DeMag, Sophomore, Business Management; Dylan O'Brien, Sophomore, Political Science & English; Morgan Woods, Junior, Psychology & Spanish and Criminal Justice; Amber Reichart, Junior, Spanish, International Studies, and Political Science; Joe Santangelo, Junior, Mechanical Engineering; Christopher Schwenck, Junior, Political Science & History and German; Jake Center; Junior, Civil Engineering; Evan Bowley, Junior, Criminal Justice; Anastasia Ichim, Cadet, Royal Military College of Saint-Jean, Canada, International Relations and English.



23 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Palestine Question

Participant(s): Delegation of 23 Members of the 16 Air Assault Brigade, Colchester, UK.



14 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Present Political Situation in Palestine and Future Prospects

Participant(s): International Academic Exchange Delegation: Cameron Ballard-Rosa, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Corey Brettschneider, Professor of Political Science at Brown University; Eleanor Brown, Professor of Law at Penn State; Dianne Pfundstein Chamberlain, Associate Research Scholar at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University; Steve Chan, College Professor of Distinction, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Farrand Residential Academic Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Terry Chapman, Senior Editor of International Studies Quarterly and Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin; Rachel A. Epstein, Professor of International Relations at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver; Matthew Fuhrmann, Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University; Jonathan Hillman, Fellow and Director of the Reconnecting Asia Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); Mike Hoffman, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame; Marcus Holmes, Assistant Professor of Government at William and Mary Zeit; Elizabeth Kier, Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington; Charles Kupchan, Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University, and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, former Special Assistant to



the President for National Security; Roseanne McManus, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Baruch College, CUNY; Jonathan Mercer, Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington; Nuno Monteiro, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Security Studies at Yale University; Andrew Moravcsik, Professor of Politics and Director of the European Union Program at Princeton University; Dan Reiter, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Political Science at Emory College; Joshua Rovner, Associate Professor in the School of International Service at American University; Branimir L. Slantchev, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, San Diego; Anne-Marie Slaughter, President and CEO of New America, a think and action tank dedicated to renewing America in the Digital Age, Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University; Matias Spektor, Associate Professor in International Relations at FGV in Brazil and a columnist with leading newspaper Folha de S. Paulo; Robert Trager, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles; Alex Zakaras, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Vermont; Emuna Braverman, adult Jewish education and writing for aish.com; Nachum Braverman, Executive Director of Academic Exchange; Jay Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer of OneMain Holdings, Inc., Board Member of a number of philanthropic organizations (e.g., The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and Say Yes to Education); Tammy Levine, active in philanthropy and on numerous charitable boards including Rye Country Day School, UJA of Greenwich, Greenwich Jewish Family Services, and J-Teen.UK.

18 June 2018, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: Austrian-Palestinian Relations

Participant(s): Thomas Nader, Director, Near and Middle East, Maghreb and Mashreq States, Europe Integration Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry, Republic of Austria; Dr. Andrea Nasi, Austrian Representative; José Vericat, Country Representative & Field Office Director, Carter Center; Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy & Survey Research (PSR), Ramallah; Dr. Jad Isaac, Director, Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem (ARIJ).



28 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Strategic Leadership Course of the Austrian Government

Participant(s): Dr. Andrea Nasi, Austrian Representative; Strategic Leadership Course of the Austrian Government: Michaela Amschl; Walter Auer; Philipp Bodzenta; Karl-Heinz Bohl; Wolfgang Bont; Bernhard Collini-Nocker; Renate Dopplinger; Josef Eltantawi; Peter Engert; Johann Essl; Norbert Frischau; Norbert Griesmayr; Gottfried Haber; Michaela Huber; Philipp Ita; Andreas Januskovecz; Sandra Kick; Kurt Koleznik; Margaretha Kopeinig; Peter Koren; Franz Kueberl; Brigitte Mang; Julius Marhold; Arthur Maurer; Felix Montecuccoli; Peter Newole; Sigrid Oblak; Thomas Possert; Michaela Reitterer; Thomas Rochowansky; Angelika Schaetz; Ronald Schranz; Gregor Schuetze; Peter Skiczuk; Martin Stift; Albert Stoeger; Sabine Strasser; Thomas Von Der Gathen; Siegfried Voessner; Siegfried Walch; Brigitte Wolf.



1 July 2018, Residence of the Belgian Consul General, Jerusalem

Topic: Working Dinner for the Visiting Minister President of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels

Participant(s): Rudy Demotte, Minister President of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Belgium; Belgian Diplomats; Palestinian Civil Society Members.

2 July 2018, Turkish Consulate General, Jerusalem

Topic: Paying Condolences to Turkish Historian Fuat Sezgin; Latest Elections in Turkey; Cancelling Visas for Palestinians

Participant(s): Erman Topcu, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey, Jerusalem; Palestinian Delegation: Sheikh Abdel Azim Salhab, Head, High Council of Waqf, Jerusalem; Dr. Wasfi al-Bakri, Acting Supreme Judge of Jerusalem; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, General Secretary, Islamic Higher Committee.



3 July 2018, Residence of the EU Representative, Jerusalem

Topic: Working Dinner on the Occasion of Visitors from the European Commission.

Participant(s): Christian Danielsson, Director General in DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, European Commission, and Michael Miller, Head of Unit, Middle East in DG Neighbourhood South, European Commission; Ralph Tarraf, EU Representative, Jerusalem; Alessandra Viezzer, Head of Cooperation, EU Representative Office, Jerusalem; Dr. Nasser Qudwa, Chairperson, Yasser Arafat Foundation; Dr. Mohammed Shtayyeh, Head, PECDAR, Ramallah; Diana Buttu, Private Attorney and Consultant, Haifa/Jerusalem.

1 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jewish-Arab Relations vis-à-vis Israel's National State Law

Participant(s): Shlomo Abulafia, Agronomist; Danny Rubinstein, Journalist; Avishei Margalit, Professor; Uri Katz, Biologist; Peleg Radoy, Retiree; Maya Bar-Hillel, Professor.



29 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 25 Years Since the Oslo Accords Were Signed

Participant(s): Unni Rambøll, Acting Norwegian Representative to the PA, Ramallah; Delegation from the Verdens Gang-VG: Grethe M Malkmus, Organization Director, HR & Economy; Hanne Skartveit, Political Editor; Christian Haneborg, Commercial Director; Jane Thronsen, Editor Magazines & Consumer Business; Gard Steiro, Chief Editor; Tora Bakke Håndlykken, News Editor; Ola Stenberg, Digital Editor; Jeanne Dubroca, Intern, PASSIA; Irena Dahl, Intern, PASSIA.



◆ BRIEFINGS

11 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Education and Culture in Palestine**

Participant(s): Dr. Csaba Rada, Head, Hungarian Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah; Tivadar Takcas; Deputy Head, Hungarian Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah.



12 January 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Planning a Conference on Palestinian Youth**

Participant(s): Lila Cherrih, Programme Assistant, Middle East Programme, Forward Thinking, UK; Jordan Morgan, Research & Development Officer, Forward Thinking, UK.



20 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Munich Security Conference and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): José Vericat, Country Representative, Field Office Director, The Carter Center, Ramallah.



21 February 2017, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **President Abbas' Speech at the UN Security Council on 20 February 2018**

Participant(s): Edward Channer, Projects Officer, Forward Thinking, UK.

5 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Civil Society Issues**

Participant(s): Steven Ehrenber, Associate Director, Technology and Learning.



19 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PASSIA-FES Cooperation**

Participant(s): Nisreen Al-Aref, Head of Administration and Finance, FES, Jerusalem; Malak Ammuri, Team Assistant to the FES Director and the Head of Administration and Finance; Islam Abdul Jabbar, Team Assistant, FES Programs; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



26 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Upcoming 2018 PNC Meeting**

Participant(s): Salim Lone, former UN high-level official, particularly in the field of Information and Communication, and former UN spokesperson in Iraq and other places.



2 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Human Rights Due Diligence Regarding Israel's Light Rail

Participant(s): Michael Barron, Director, Michael Barron Consulting, Middle East Politics and Business Expert; Dr. Kathryn Tomlinson, International Consultant on Human Rights and Business; Cianan Whelan, Volunteer, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



10 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Conflict in the Region and the Palestinian Question

Participant(s): Ofer Zalberg, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa Program, International Crisis Group.



7 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Reviewing the Current Situation in Palestine

Participant(s): Edward Channer, Projects Officer, Forward Thinking, UK.



9 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Current Situation on the Ground and Preparation for an Upcoming Visiting Delegation from Austria

Participant(s): Dr. Andrea Nasi, Head, Representative Office of Austria to the PA, Ramallah; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Hiba Zayed, Intern.



11 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Greek-Palestinian Relations

Participant(s): Christos Sofianopoulos, Consul General of Greece, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director.



19 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA's Work

Participant(s): Mahmoud Jarallah, Businessman; Assem Alami, Lawyer, Berlin; Damis Alami; Valery Alami; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



20 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Sumud - Palestinian Everyday Resistance Practices and their Effects on Relations of Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Participant(s): Carol Daniel Kasbari, Ph.D. Candidate, Provost Fellow, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, USA.



4 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Gaza Strip Issues

Participant(s): Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK; Edward Channer, Projects Officer, Forward Thinking, UK; Isobel Scott-Barrett, Programmes Officer, Forward Thinking; Edward Channer, Projects Officer, Forward Thinking; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



15 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Understanding Gaza

Participant(s): Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, UK.



28 August 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Understanding Gaza

Participant(s): Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah: Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head; Andre Cortez, Deputy Representative; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary.



4 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: EU-Funded Projects in Palestine

Participant(s): Tomas Precht, Political Affairs, Office of the European Union Representative; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



10 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Research Issues

Participant(s): Gregory Mahler, Professor of Politics, Earlham College, USA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



12 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FES-PASSIA Cooperation

Participant(s): Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Saliha Engel, Intern, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



25 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 25 Years Since the Oslo Accords Were Signed

Participant(s): Thomas Dallal, Award-winning Photojournalist, Haifa.



29 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Influence of Arab Foreign Policies, Especially Jordan and Egypt, on Palestinian Domestic Politics since 2011

Participant(s): Sarah Daoud, Ph.D. Student, Political Science/ International Relations, Sciences Po Paris, France.



3 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Jewish Nation-State Law

Participant(s): Dr. Uri Davis, Chairman, Al-Beit - Association for the Defence of Human Rights in Israel.



6 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Refugees

Participant(s): Francesca P. Albanese, Associate Researcher, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University, Affiliate, Issam Fares Institute for Public Studies for Public Policies and International Affairs, American University of Beirut; Rania Muhareb, Al-Haq.



9 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Struggles Palestinians Face and Where Are the Opportunities for Impact

Participant(s): Laura Devere, Social Impact Investor/Philanthropist, Social Capital Foundation; Mohenad Itayim, VP Ventures, USA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



17 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FES-PASSIA Annual Cooperation 2018

Participant(s): Dr. Beyhan Senturk, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Christoph Klement, Project Manager, FES; Miriam Foerstle, Junior Guest Researcher, FES.

20 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Korean-Palestinian Relations

Participant: Young-sam Choi, Head, Representative Office of Korea, Ramallah.



23 October 2018, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: The Current Palestinian Impasse

Organizer: The Carter Center, Ramallah

Participant(s): Amb. (ret.) Mary-Ann Peters, CEO, The Carter Center (TCC), USA; Hrair A. Balian, Director of Conflict Resolution Program, TCC, USA; José Vericat, Country Representative & Field Office Director, TCC, Ramallah; Qais As'ad, Program Manager, TCC, Ramallah; Dr. Yara Hawari, Palestine Policy Fellow, Al-Shabaka, The Palestinian Policy Network.

31 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Central Council Meeting & the Palestinian Agenda

Participant(s): Representative Office of Brazil to the PA, Ramallah: Amb. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Head; Andre Cortez, Deputy Representative; Rodolfo Sahium Ribeiro, Second Secretary.



19 November 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PASSIA's Vision and Work

Participant(s): FES Interns: Miriam, Carolin, Philip, Lisa-Marlen Gronemeier; Jeanne Dubroca, Intern, PASSIA; Irena Dahl, Intern, PASSIA.



26 November 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Egyptian-Palestinian Relations

Participant(s): Amb. Issam Ashor, Egyptian Representative to the PA, Ramallah.



26 November 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **FES-PASSIA Annual Cooperation 2019**

Participant(s): FES, Jerusalem: Christoph Klement, Project Manager; Miriam Foerstle, Junior Guest Researcher; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



29 November 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The So-called One State Solution**

Participant(s): Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal, Middle East and Maghreb Coordinator, Observatory of Spanish Foreign Policy (OPEX).



31 December 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian-Israeli Impasse**

Participant(s): Koji Morito, Professor, Shizuoka Sangyo University, Japan.



◆ MEDIA

5 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **What Prevents Palestinians from Disengaging from Israel**

Participant(s): Wahib Abu Wasel, Monte Carlo Doualiya.

7 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian Youth: Activism Beyond Factional Politics.**

Participant(s): Ashams Radio.

10 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Visit to Ramallah**

Participant(s): WION TV

10 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israel-Iran-Hizbullah: A Possible War?**

Participant(s): Shorouq Asad, Correspondents, Jerusalem & West Bank, Dubai TV.



13 February 2018, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: **Documentary on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**

Participant(s): Ahmad Mashaal, Producer, ZDF German TV.



13 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **President Mahmoud Abbas' Visit to Russia**

Participant(s): Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia Today; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia Today.



13 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Israel Building New Checkpoints at Damascus Gate**

Participant(s): Middle East Eye.

15 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Military Observation Towers at Damascus Gate - Implementation of the Gilad Erdan Plan**

Participant(s): Sahafa.ps

19 February 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Documentary by the Palestinian Ministry of Information on the Situation of Jerusalemites and their Exposure to Violations**

Participant(s): Alaa Abu Ghosh, Collage Productions, Ramallah.

28 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian and Israeli Demographic Developments and their Implications for the Future**

Participant(s): Al-Hadath Al-Arabiya: Rima Mustafa, Correspondent; Tawfiq Salib, Cameraman.



28 March 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Palestinian and Israeli Demographic Developments and their Implications for the Future**

Participant(s): Nidal Kanaaneh, Sky News.

2 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **70 Years of Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Roya TV: Aya Khatib, Correspondent; Ali Dowani, Cameraman.



25 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **The Upcoming 2018 PNC Meeting**

Participant(s): Stephen Farrell, Bureau Chief, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Thomas Reuters, Jerusalem.



30 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **70 Years of Palestinian Nakba**

Participant(s): Nobuhisa Degawa, Senior Commentator, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation).



30 April 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **2018 PNC Meeting**

Participant(s): Ashams Radio.

3 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **2018 PNC Meeting**

Participant(s): Radio Ajyal.

3 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **President Abbas' Remarks at the PNC Sparking Accusations of Anti-Semitism**

Participant(s): Wahib Abu Wasel, Monte Carlo Doualiya.

14 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: A Day of Victory for Israel - A Day of Rage in Gaza

Participant(s): Ilene Prusher, Times.

21 May 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Leadership

Participant(s): Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC): Norman Hermant, Journalist; Fouad Abu Ghosh, Producer.



4 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Palestinian Nakba 1948

Participant(s): Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia Today; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia Today.



19 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Upcoming Visit of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge

Participant(s): CNN.



11 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Upcoming Visit of Prince William

Participant(s): Peter Obrone, Chief Political Commentator, the Daily Mail.



20 June 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The British Legacy in Palestine

Participant(s): Stephen Farrell, Bureau Chief, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Thomas Reuters, Jerusalem.



19 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Knesset's Approval of the Jewish Nation-State Law

Participant(s): Mohammed Jamjoom, Senior Correspondent, English Channel, Al-Jazeera Media Network.



19 July 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Knesset's Approval of the Jewish Nation-State Law

Participant(s): TRT Arabia: Ahmad Jaradat, Correspondent; Ghassan Abu Eid, Cameraman.



11 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 25 Years since the Oslo Accords Were Signed

Participant(s): Ahmad Budeiri, Correspondent, Al-Ghad TV.



12 September 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: 25 Years since the Oslo Accords Were Signed

Participant(s): Turkish TV.



1 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Salah Eddin Al-Ayoubi**

Participant(s): Anadolu News: Mustafa Deveci, Journalist; Mustafa Al-Kharouf, Photographer; Faiz Abu Rmeileh, Cameraman.



17 October 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **UN General Assembly Resolution Vote Enabling the Palestinians to Act as Chair of the Group of 77**

Participant(s): Najwa Ben Mubarak, Monte Carlo Doualiya.

19 November 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Abdel Qader Al-Husseini (1907-1948)**

Participant(s): Al-Ghad TV: Iman Jbour, Correspondent; Jihad Muhtaseb, Cameraman.



31 December 2018, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **Summary of 2018**

Participant(s): Dalia Nammari, Journalist, Russia Today; Mohammad Osho, Cameraman, Russia Today.



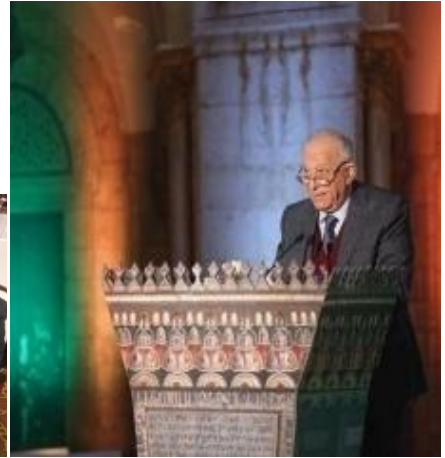
CONFERENCES

17-18 January 2018, Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Cairo

Topic: Al-Azhar International Conference in Support of Jerusalem

Organizer: Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Cairo

Participants: Representatives from over 80 Countries



27 February 2016, Headquarters of the Arab League, Cairo, Egypt

Topic: 11th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Yasser Arafat Foundation

Organizer: Yasser Arafat Foundation (YAF)



24 March 2018, Al-Quds University, Abu Dis

Topic: International Congress on Social Studies: Jerusalem between Religious and Secular

Organizer: Al-Quds University; Gazi University, Turkey; Turkish Studies Journal

Participant(s): More than 500 scientists and academic personalities from 50 countries



29 April 2018, Carmel Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: East Jerusalem - The Capital of the State of Palestine (Presentation by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi as part of the 3-day International Seminar on Palestine and the Peace Process on the Occasion of the 23rd Session of the Palestine National Council (PNC)

Organizer: Al-Quds University; Gazi University, Turkey; Turkish Studies Journal



11 May 2018, Palestine Red Crescent, Ramallah

Topic: Jerusalem: The Dangers of the Demographic Conflict & President Donald Trump's Plans Presentation by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi at the 7th Annual Masarat Conference on "Towards a Plan of National Advancement to Confront the Dangers Facing the Palestinian Cause"

Organizer: The Palestinian Center for Policy Research & Strategic Studies - Masarat



14 July 2018, Centre for Development Studies Hall, Birzeit University

Topic: 7th Annual Palestinian Diaspora Conference - Panel: "Countering Negative Practices in Jerusalem and the American Stand on Jerusalem: Local, Regional, and International Responses"

Organizer: Know Thy Heritage



WALL CALENDAR

PASSIA's wall calendars depict paintings and drawings by various Palestinian artists, helping to promote them and their works as well as to introduce the world of Palestinian art to a wider audience. Now in its fifth year, the wall calendar for the year **2019** depicted beautiful artworks by Palestinian women artists and included short biographical information about the respective artist.

Wall Calendar 2019 – Beautiful Artworks by Palestinian Women Artists.

PASSIA Publication, English, December 2018



PASSIA DESK DIARY

Introduction

At the end of 2018, PASSIA published the 31st edition of its annual Desk Diary! As in previous years, the goal was to provide a comprehensive “tool” for all those who work in or on Palestine or are interested in the Palestine Question in which way ever. As every year, the current edition was updated, amended and revised according to new information that had become available throughout the year. On over 500 pages, the PASSIA Desk Diary contains a directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza (listing names, addresses, main activities), as well as a full day-to-day planner (calendar) for the year, and a comprehensive compilation of facts and figures related to Palestine and the Palestinians. PASSIA is very proud to say that its diary has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both locally and abroad, and as yet there is no equivalent publication in Palestine.

Contents

The PASSIA Diary is divided into three sections - the Directory, the Calendar, and the Agenda:

Directory

The Directory contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories as well as selected Arab and Israeli organizations located in Israel: names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a few keywords describing an organization’s main field of work. At the end of the directory there is an alphabetical index to facilitate searches for certain entries. In the 2015 edition, Directory entries included the following:

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

- PLO Executive Committee & PLO Departments
- Palestinian National Council
- PLO Delegations Abroad
- Representation in International Bodies

Palestinian Authority (PA)

- President’s Office
- Ministries
- Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
- PA Attorney General- General Prosecution
- PA Higher Judicial Council
- Supreme Judge Department
- The Upper Council of Sharia Jurisdiction
- PA Institutions
- PA Councils & Commissions
- Police and Security
- Local Government Administration
 - Governorates
 - Municipalities & Village Councils

Political Parties and Factions

Academic and Research Centers

Agriculture

Associations & Unions

Chambers of Commerce

Charitable Organizations

Culture

- Art & Galleries
- Cultural & Folklore Centers
- Film & Cinema
- Literature
- Jewelry and Crafts
- Museums
- Music & Dance
- Theater

Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers

Diplomatic Missions

- Consulates
- Representative Offices to the PA
- Embassies

Education

- Universities
- Colleges
- Training & Vocational Centers
- Schools
- Early Childhood Education

Educational Institutes
 Libraries
Environment & Water
Financial & Development Institutions
 Banks
 Investment, Financial Consulting &
 Credit Companies
 Money Changers
Governmental Aid Missions
Health
Human Rights & Law
 Human Rights Centers
 Law Offices
 Lawyers
International & UN Organizations
Israeli Activist Groups
Media & Press
 Palestinian
 Internet Press
 Newspapers & Media Services
 Radio & TV Stations
 Arab TV
 International
 Israeli
NGOs Coordinating
 Groups
 Canadian NGOs
 European NGOs
 US NGOs
 Others &
 International
 NGOs
**Palestinian Organizations in
 Israel**
Religious Forums & Centers

Islamic
 Christian Churches & Centers
Restaurants
Services
 Accountants
 Advertisement, Print & Design
 Bookshops & Stationary
 Business & ICT Incubators
 Car Rentals
 Computers, Software & Information
 Technology
 Courier & Express Services
 E-mail & Internet
 Insurances
 Management & Development Consulting
 Photo Studios & Video
 Planning & Engineering
 Real Estates
 Telecommunication & Office Equipment
 Translation & Editing
 Other Services
Sports Clubs & Fitness Centers
Trade - Import/Export
Travel & Tourism
 Airlines
 Hotels & Resorts
 Hospices & Guesthouses
 Recreational & Touristic Sites
 Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies &
 Tour Operators
 Taxis & Transport
Women's Organizations
Youth Organizations



Calendar

The second section of the Diary includes all the standard features of a calendar, such as a day by-day planner, calendars for the previous and following years, address and note space, and anniversaries and national holidays of foreign countries. In each calendar page, the 2018 edition includes informative textboxes on important anniversaries in the history of Palestine.



The Agenda

The Diary's third and final section is the Agenda, which a yearbook-style compendium of information. It contains a wealth of facts and statistics about Palestine and the Palestinians, supported by tables, illustrative graphs, and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The Agenda is divided into the 14 main and several sub-chapters, dealing with the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question:

- 1. Dictionary of Palestinian Terms**
- 2. Israeli Occupation**
- 3. Geography**
- 4. Population**
- 5. Refugees**
- 6. Land and Settlements**
- 7. Water and Environment**
- 8. Economy**
 - 8.1 Background & Overview
 - 8.2 Agriculture
 - 8.3 Industry & Private Sector
 - 8.4 Labor Market & Employment
 - 8.5 Tourism
 - 8.6 Trade
 - 8.7 Finances
- 9. Education**
- 10. Health**
- 11. Infrastructure**
 - 11.1 Housing & Construction
 - 11.2 Electricity & Energy
 - 11.3 Transportation & Roads
 - 11.4 Communication
- 12. Society & Living Conditions**
 - 12.1 General Social Features
 - 12.2 Household & Living Conditions

- 13. Government**
 - 13.1 Administration
 - 13.2 Elections
 - 13.3 Rule of Law
 - 13.4 Negotiations
 - 13.5 Police & Security
 - 13.6 State of Palestine
- 14. Jerusalem**
 - 14.1 Historical Facts & Figures
 - 14.2 Legal Status
 - 14.3 Jerusalem in Negotiations
 - 14.4 Population
 - 14.5 Residency Rights
 - 14.6 Housing & House Demolitions
 - 14.7 Land & Settlement
 - 14.8 The Old City
 - 14.9 Education
 - 14.10 Israeli Municipal Policies

Graphs & Figures

Milestones in Palestinian History
Chronology of Main Events 2014
PLO Central Council (members)
Fateh – Central and Revolutionary Council (members)

PASSIA publications 1987-2016

Maps

(A section of historical and thematic maps on Palestine).



APPENDICES

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■ PASSIA Administration

PASSIA employs its staff on a contractual basis, full or part time. The 2018 PASSIA team, headed by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, handled the execution of all projects, with other researchers or part-timers commissioned for specific tasks related to these projects. This included also a number of volunteers and interns, whose contribution is/was highly appreciated by PASSIA.

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Below is a list of sources of financial support PASSIA received for projects undertaken during 2018. PASSIA would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the trust, cooperation and support of our donors, without which we could not do our work.

Research Studies Program

- a) Bulletins on *Jerusalem & Its Changing Boundaries* in English and translated into Arabic
Supported by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem
- b) Bulletin on *The Nakba: 70 Years On*
- c) Bulletin on *Understanding Gaza*
Supported by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem

Dialogue Program

Partially supported by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem.

Religious Studies Unit

Meetings supported by sale of PASSIA publications.

Poster on Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound

Supported by Hashemite Fund for the Restoration of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock/Department of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Amman.

PASSIA Desk Diary

Supported by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem

■ Networking

PASSIA is a member of the following networks and associations:

PALESTINIAN NGO NETWORK (PNGO)

The PNGO Network, established in 1995, strives to promote coordination and cooperation among Palestinian NGOs and to advocate their right to exist and function without restrictions. It is active in advancing democratic values and in strengthening the role of the civil society in Palestine. (See also <http://www.pngo.net/>).

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN STUDY COMMISSION (EUROMESCO)

EuroMeSCo was established in 1994 (PASSIA was a founding member) in order to provide Mediterranean countries with a forum for debating international policy and security issues from a regional point of view. In principle, network members deal with international relations and security, carry out policy-oriented research, enjoy a domestically and internationally recognized reputation, and are NGOs. In 1996, EuroMeSCo's scope was expanded to include institutes from non-Mediterranean countries.

EuroMeSCo strives to promote dialogue and the exchange of information between its members; to support their institution-building and research capacities, and to foster cooperation between the civil societies in the member countries. (For further details see: <http://www.euromesco.net>).

■ List of Available Publications

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has been extensively engaged in publishing and documenting. Currently, the following studies, monographs, research world and reports are available (for more information and/or to order, please visit our website at www.passia.org or email us at passia@passia.org):

Title	Author	E/A	Date
1. The Conservation of Jerusalem	Khaled A. Khatib, Jerusalem	E	June 1993
2. The Law of the Land: Settlement & Land Issues under Israeli Military Occupation	Raja Shehadeh, Ramallah	E	July 1993
3. Strategic Studies & Security: Seminar 1993	PASSIA Seminar Report	E	July 1993
4. The Jerusalem Arab Municipality	Osama Halabi, Jerusalem	A	1993/2000
5. Dutch Development Policy Towards the Middle East	Tom de Quaasteniet, MERA, Amsterdam	A	May 1994
6. Jerusalem Women's Organizations During the British Mandate, 1920s-1930s.	Ellen Fleischmann, Georgetown University	A/E	Mar. 1995
7. The Israeli Disengagement Plan 1995	Jawad Ja'abari, Jerusalem	A	1995/2001
8. One Year Into Self-Government - Perceptions of the Palestinian Political Elite	Helena Lindholm Schulz Gothenburg University	E	Sept. 1995 Oct. 1997
9. NGOs and Freedom of Association: Palestine & Egypt- A Comparative Analysis	Denis J. Sullivan Northeastern University, Boston	E	Dec. 1995
10. Women in Contemporary Palestine - Between Old Conflicts and New Realities	Maria Holt CAABU, London	A/E	May 1996
11. The Judaization of Jerusalem - Israeli Policies Since 1967	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1996
12. Seminar 1996: Foreign Policies of Arab States	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	April 1997
13. PASSIA Seminar 1997: Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Aug. 1997
14. Neighborhood Councils in Arab Jerusalem	Izhaq Al-Qutub, Jerusalem	A	Nov. 1997
15. Palestine-Jordan-Israel: Building A Base for Common Scholarship and Understanding in the New Era of the Middle East	Various Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli Authors, PASSIA, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1997
16. Municipal Policies in Jerusalem - An Account from Within	Amir Cheshin, Jerusalem (translated from Hebrew by L. Perlman)	E	Aug. 1998
17. Seminar 1998: The US & Canada: Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 1998
18. Israeli Settlement Policy in Jerusalem: Creating Facts on the Ground	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1998

19. Dialogue on Palestinian State-Building and Identity – PASSIA Meetings 1995-1998	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Jan. 1999
20. Abraham in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Prof. Avigdor Shinan, Fr. Maroum Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 1999
21. Civil Society Empowerment: Media & Communication Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Apr 1999
22. Seminar 1999: Japan, Palestine & the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 1999
23. Peace Enemies - The Past and Present Conflict between Israel and Palestine	Ludwig Watzal, Bonn (translated from German by Deniz Altayli)	E	June 1999
24. Foreign Policies Towards the Middle East & Palestine - PASSIA Meetings & Lectures 1995-98	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 1999
25. Civil Society Empowerment (translation of texts from training programs on Policy Analysis, Strategic Planning and Media & Communication Skills)	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Sept. 1999
26. Islamic Movement: A Challenge for Palestinian State-Building	Bernd Schoch	E	Nov. 1999
27. Civil Society Empowerment: Leadership Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2000
28. Seminar 2000: Israel - State, Society & Politics	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2000
29. Palestinian Judiciary and the Rule of Law in the Autonomous Areas – An Introduction	Victoria Wagner, University of Vienna, Austria	E	Nov. 2000
30. Civil Society Empowerment: Research Skills	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2000
31. The Phenomenon of Collaborators in Palestine	Contributions by A. Rigby, S. Abdul Jawwad, D. Williams, S. Zeedani	E	Mar 2001
32. Civil Society Empowerment: Project Management	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2001
33. The World Bank & the Palestinian NGO Project	Denis J. Sullivan	E	Aug. 2001
34. Civil Society Empowerment: Fundraising & PR	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001
35. US Policy Towards Jerusalem and the Occupied Arab Territories, 1948 and 1967	Candace Karp	E	Dec. 2001
36. 100 Years of Palestinian History - A 20 th Century Chronology	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2001 2005
37. Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon - From Hosting to Discrimination	Hussein Chaaban, UK	A	Feb. 2002
38. Civil Society Empowerment: Monitoring & Evaluation	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2002
39. Joseph in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Ibrahim Abu Salem, Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom, Rev. David Neuhaus	E	Dec. 2002
40. Elite Change in an Authoritarian Regime: Co-opting an Islamic Movement in Algeria	Noura Hamladji	E/A	Jan. 2003
41. Civil Society Empowerment: Train the Trainer	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2003
42. Palestine in Review - This Was 2000	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2003
43. Water in Palestine: Problems, Politics, Prospects	Various; edited by F. Daibes	E	Oct. 2003
44. Palestine in Review -This Was 2001	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2003
45. Moses in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Rabbi David Rosen, Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2003
46. The Geneva Accord: Plan or Pretense?	Nick Kardahji	E	May 2004
47. Civil Society Empowerment: Governance Issues in Palestine (Rule of Law, Democracy, etc.) Decentralization, State-Society Relations)	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2004
48. The Conflict Over Jerusalem - Some Palestinian Responses to Concepts of Dispute Resolution	Cecilia Albin	E	Updated Oct. 2004
49. Security Sector Reform in the OPT	Roland Friedrich	E	Nov. 2004
50. Palestinian-Israeli Impasse - Exploring Alternative Solutions to the Palestine Israel Conflict	Various contributors	E	Aug. 2005
51. PASSIA Seminar 2004: Ireland & Palestine: Divided Countries United by History	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	2005

52. Islam in Contemporary Palestine	Various contributors	A	Nov. 2005
53. Introduction into Islamic Culture	Various contributors	A	Dec. 2005
54. In Search for a Palestinian Identity - A Personal Odyssey	Khalil Nakhleh	E/A	Dec. 2005
55. Palestine in Review - This Was 2002	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2005
56. Palestinian Security Sector Reform	Various contributors	E/A	Dec. 2005
57. Civic Education in Palestine - Citizenship, Human Rights, & Community Development	Various contributors	E	April 2006
58. Palestinian Personalities - A Biographic Dictionary	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2006
59. Palestinian Security Sector Governance - Challenges and Prospects	PASSIA & DCAF (Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces)	E	Aug. 2006
60. Palestine in Review - This Was 2003	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
61. Palestine in Review - This Was 2004	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2006
62. Documents on Jerusalem (4 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Jan. 2007
63. Palestine in Review - This Was 2005	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 2007
64. Jesus in the Christian and Muslim Faiths	Fr.Rafiq Khoury, Dr.Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 2007
65. Documents on Palestine (8 Vol., incl. CD)	Edited by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Dec. 2007
66. Palestine in Review - This Was 2006	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2008
67. Bulletin on the Nakba	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2008
68. Bulletin on Gaza	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2008
69. Bulletin on Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E/A	June 2009
70. Finland and Palestine	Various contributors , PASSIA	E	Aug. 2009
71. To Jerusalem- In the Steps of Eight Swedes & a Finn	Mia Gröndahl	E	Dec. 2009
72. Germans in Jerusalem - 1830-1914	Bernd Isphording	E	Dec. 2009
73. Hamas - From Resistance to Government?	Paola Caridi		Feb. 2010
74. European Union Foreign Policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	Ruba Al-Fattal	E	Mar. 2010
75. Bulletin on the Nakba	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	May 2010
76. Bulletin on Jerusalem and Palestine in the Arab Discourse	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A	Sept. 2010
77. Palestinian Resistance and Non-Violence	Andrew Rigby	E	Nov. 2010
78. Jerusalem of Art	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2011
79. Bulletin on Prisoners	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar.2011
80. Palestinian Personalities - A Biographic Dictionary	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Dec. 2008 May 2011
81. Bulletin on Negotiations	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	June 2011
82. Virgin Mary in the Christian Heritage and the Islamic Faith	Dr.Abdul Rahman Abbad, Naim Ateek, Rafiq Khouri, Dr. Mohammed Salim Ali	A	Aug. 2011
83. The People of the Book	Various contributors, PASSIA	A	Sept. 2011
84. Bulletin on Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 2011
85. Bulletin on The Second Arab Awakening and the Question of Palestine	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A/E	Dec. 2011 April 2013
86. Arafat 1929-2004 - Illustrated Chronology	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2012
87. The Vatican & Jerusalem	Elodie Farge	E	Aug.2012
88. Jerusalem Hajj Paintings and Plates	Hafida Talhaoui	E	Sept.2012
89. Bulletin on Negotiations (French Translation)	PASSIA Publication, transl. by E. Farge	F	Nov. 2012
90. The Road to Palestinian Statehood	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2012
91. Bulletin on Area C	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2012
92. Bulletin on Fragmenting Palestine	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2013
93. A Guide to Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A/E Turkish	Aug. 2013
94. Bulletin on Hamas, Fatah & Reconciliation	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Nov. 2013

95. Arab East Jerusalem – A Reader	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2013
96. A Guide to Muslim & Christian Holy Places in Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2011 Feb.2014
97. Political Islam at the Crossroads?	Various contributors, PASSIA	E/A	July 2014
98. Bulletin on Palestinian Refugees	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Mar. 2014
99. The Palestine Question in Maps – 1878-2014	Ed. by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E	Aug. 2014
100. Bulletin on the PLO vs. PA	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Sept. 2014
101. Bulletin: Custodianship in the Al-Aqsa Mosque	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A	Dec. 2014
102. Bulletin Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound - Targeted	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	April 2015
103. Bulletin on Palestinian Women	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Aug. 2015
104. France and Jerusalem	Elodie Farge	E	Oct. 2015
105. Bulletin on the Palestinian Political Scene 2015	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	E/A	Dec. 2015
106. Bulletin on the Legal Status & Treatment of Palestinians in Jerusalem	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Feb. 2016
107. The Palestine Question in Maps – 1878-2014	Ed. by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi	A	Mar. 2016
108. Bulletin on the Education in Jerusalem	Nisreen Alayan	A	Sep. 2016
109. PASSIA Wall Calendar 2017	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Nov. 2016
110. PASSIA Desk Diary 2017	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2016
111. Bulletin on Palestinian Youth	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E/A	April 2017
112. Bulletin: 50 Years of Palestinian Political History	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2017
113. Bulletin on International Law	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2017
114. PASSIA Wall Calendar 2018	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Nov. 2017
115. Bulletin on Bab Ar-Rahmeh	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	A	Dec. 2017
116. PASSIA Desk Diary 2018	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 2017
117. Bulletin on Jerusalem & Its Changing Boundaries	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E/A	Jan. 2018
118. Jerusalem's Identity and its Religious and Universal Status	Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi (Al-Azhar Conference on Jerusalem)	A	Jan. 2018
119. The Other Side of the Coin – A Native Palestinian Tells His Story	Mufid Abdul Hadi (translated from Swedish by A. Schabbauer)	E	April 1998 Mar. 2018
120. Bulletin on The Nakba: 70 Years On	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	May 2018
121. Bulletin on Understanding Gaza	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	July 2018
122. PASSIA Wall Calendar 2019	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Nov. 2018
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