

I. THE YEAR THAT WAS 2012

JANUARY

Jan. 3: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators meet in Amman to explore reviving formal negotiations.

Jan. 4: Deposed PM in the Gaza Strip, Ismail Haniyeh, visits the Turkish Parliament and meets with PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan reaffirming Turkish support for Palestine.

Jan. 5: Israeli security forces issue restraining orders barring 12 settlers (from Elon Moreh, Havat Gilad, Maoz Esther, Ramat Migron, and Yitzhar) from the West Bank because of their violent acts against Palestinians and Israeli forces.

- The EU grants the PA 47.7 million to cover salaries.

Jan. 10: Pres. Mahmoud Abbas meets U.S Senate Foreign Relations Committee, John Kerry, in Amman to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East.

Jan. 11: Visiting Indian FM S.M. Krishna declares his country's support for the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders.

- Israel's High Court judges reject - by a vote of 6:5 - petitions against Citizenship Law that prevents Palestinians married to Israeli Arabs from receiving Israeli citizenship or residency.

Jan. 15: In a keynote address at the ESCWA meeting in Beirut, Sec.-Gen. Ban Ki-moon says, "The Israeli occupation of Arab and Palestinian territories must end. ...Settlements, new and old, are illegal. They work against the emergence of a viable Palestinian state. A two-State solution is long overdue." - Palestinian and Israeli negotiators hold a 3rd round of preliminary talks in Jordan.

Jan. 17: A report by the French Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee accuses Israel of implementing "apartheid" policies in allocation of water resources in the West Bank.

Jan. 19: Thailand becomes the 131st country to officially recognize Palestine as an independent state.

Jan. 25: Following the 5th round of talks between Palestinian and Israeli negotiators in Amman, Pres. Abbas declares that the exploratory talks have ended without progress because the Israelis refuse to demarcate the borders.

Jan. 28: An EU statement expresses concern about the arrest at the East Jerusalem ICRC office of PLC member Mohammed Totah and former Minister for Jerusalem Affairs Khaled Abu Arafah, and the recent arrests of PLC Speaker Aziz Dweik and PLC members Khaled Tafesh and Abduljabbar Foqaha.



FEBRUARY

Feb. 1: Germany upgrades the Palestinian diplomatic representation in Berlin from a delegation to a mission headed by an ambassador.

Feb. 2: Visiting UN Sec.-Gen. calls on Palestinians to stop launching rockets into Israel and on Israel to uphold human rights.

Feb. 2: In Doha, PA Pres. Abbas and Hamas Political Bureau Chief Mashaal agree to form an interim government of independent technocrats to be headed by Pres. Abbas and responsible for overseeing elections and Gaza's restoration.

Feb. 12: Pres. Abbas asks Arab League FMs meeting in Cairo to support his decision not to resume direct peace talks without an Israeli settlement freeze.

Feb. 13: Visiting UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Raquel Rolnik, says that the right to housing is denied in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Feb. 22: Palestinian prisoner Khader Adnan agrees to end his 66-day hunger strike after Israeli officials pledge to release him in April.

MARCH

March 7: PM Salam Fayyad says that "It is impossible to have a Palestinian state without Gaza. Reuniting the country is essential..."

March 12: At least 21 Palestinians are killed and over 70 injured in a flare-up of violence following Israeli air strike on Gaza four days earlier.

March 13: Cairo announces, after four days of violence, a "comprehensive and mutual" truce between Israel and Gaza militants.

March 14: At a debate during the 19th session of the UNHRC, 300 NGOs sign a statement calling for lifting the restrictions on the movement of Palestinians in the West Bank.

March 26: Israeli Dep. FM Danny Ayalon says Israel will not cooperate with the UNHCR nor allow committee members to enter the country.

March 28: Hundreds of international non-violent activists begin arriving in Lebanon and other neighboring countries in advance of a planned 'Global March to Jerusalem' on Land Day, March 30th.

March 30: Land Day protests take place across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



APRIL

April 3: The International Criminal Court (ICC) rejects a PA request to sign the ICC's founding treaty (the Rome Statute), reaffirming that only internationally recognized states can join the Court.

April 4: The UN International Meeting on the Question of Palestine concludes with proposed measures to address the issue of Palestinian political prisoners.

April 15: "Welcome to Palestine" fly-in participants are detained upon arrival at the Ben Gurion Airport.

April 17: Palestinian Prisoners Day is marked in the West Bank and Gaza.

April 30: The Co-operative Group, one of the largest food retailers in the UK, announces its boycott of four Israeli produce companies which are operating in settlements.

- Estonia upgrades the status of the Palestinian diplomatic delegation to the level of a Mission.

MAY

May 1: Unidentified gunmen fire on the home of Jenin governor Qaddura Moussa, who dies from a heart attack soon after.

May 2: Hamas officials report secret talks with five EU member states.

May 8: PM Netanyahu cancels early parliamentary elections and forms a unity government with Kadima.

May 9: The US Congress grants Israel one billion dollars to develop additional "Iron Dome" missile interception systems.

May 14: The EU expresses deep concern about developments on the grounds which threaten to make a two-state solution impossible.- Palestinian prisoners agree to end their hunger strike as part of a deal in which Israel agreed to allow some 400 prisoners from Gaza to receive family visits for the first time since 2006, release 20 prisoners from solitary confinement, and improve other conditions of detention.

May 16: PA Pres. Abbas swears in a new 24-member government.

May 20: Hamas & Fateh agree on a timetable for a power-sharing deal that envisions elections in late 2012.

May 28: Istanbul court formally presses charges against the Israeli military for the killing of nine people aboard a Turkish ship trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza on 31 May 2010.

May 30: Migros, one of the largest Swiss enterprises, announces that it will label all Israeli settlement products starting in 2013.



JUNE

June 1: Israel returns the remains of 91 Palestinians killed in prisons, bombings, and resisting the Israeli occupation.

June 3: Upon request from the Palestinians and during a special ministerial meeting of the Arab League Peace Initiative Committee in Doha, Arab States agree to set a “financial safety net” for the PA.

June 4: PM Salam Fayyad commends South Africa’s decision to label all settlement goods as such.

June 6: In Cairo, Fatah and Hamas agree on a new unity government.

June 8: An anti-graft court convicts Mohammed Rashid on charges of corruption and embezzlement.

June 12: US Sec. of State Clinton warns PA Pres. Abbas of "negative consequences" if he returns to the UN to seek symbolic recognition of Palestine.

June 26: Israeli officials start removing the illegal Ulpana settlement outpost, built on privately-owned Palestinian lands, close to the Bet El settlement near Ramallah.- Pres. Mahmoud Abbas welcomes Russian Pres. Vladimir Putin in the WB city of Bethlehem.

June 28: Sweden upgrades Palestine's diplomatic representation from a mission to an embassy.

June 30: UNESCO votes to designate the Bethlehem Nativity Church and pilgrimage route as a World Heritage site, which will provide the PA with funding to maintain and restore the site.

JULY

July 4: PA announces its support for an international investigation into the late Pres. Arafat’s death incl. the exhumation of his body.

July 5: The European Parliament votes in favour of a resolution stressing that no changes on the ground in the OPT that had not been agreed upon by the conflicting parties should be accepted.

July 12: European academics, in a letter to the EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation, and Science, call for the exclusion of Israeli companies engaged in violations of international law from receiving EU funding.

July 15: Israel releases longest-serving Palestinian prisoner under administrative detention, 50-year-old Adnan Asfour, detained since March 2009.

July 24: The Arab League announces that it will unanimously support the Palestinian bid for statehood recognition in the UNGA later this year.

July 31: Suha Arafat and her daughter Zahwa file a lawsuit in a French court to launch a murder investigation into the death of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. - *Ha'aretz* reports that the Israeli Govt. has spent NIS 1.1 billion on settlements in the West Bank in 2011, an increase of 38 % over the previous year.

AUGUST

Aug. 1: Palestine and Thailand officially launch diplomatic relations.

Aug. 8: Scandinavian activists launch a ship bound for Gaza in the hopes of breaking the Israeli blockade.

Aug. 16: The United Church of Canada (UCC) votes for boycotting products made in Israel's settlements in the occupied West Bank.- Pres. Abbas calls on Islamic world leaders to support the Palestinian bid for full UN membership.

Aug. 21: The US State Department lists violence by Jewish settlers as "terrorist incidents."

Aug. 22: The South African Cabinet approves labelling of goods imported from Israeli settlements.

Aug. 25: Experts from the Swiss Radiophysics Institute say they will examine the remains of the late Pres. Arafat.

Aug. 26: Israel denies entry of over one hundred international peace and human rights activists willing to visit the OPT.

Aug. 29: French Prosecution decides to open an official investigation into the death of the late Pres. Yasser Arafat.

Aug. 31: Amnesty International issued a statement, denouncing the Israeli court ruling in the case of the murder of American Peace Activists, Rachel Corrie, in Rafah in 2003.



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SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: The Socialist International organization, which represents 161 political parties and organizations worldwide, announces it will support the Palestinian request for non-member status at the UN.

Sept. 5: The EU condemns ongoing settler violence and deliberate provocations against Palestinian civilians.

Sept. 6: UNCTAD warns of worsening long-term prospects for economic development in the OPT.

Sept. 10: At the opening of the 21st regular session of the UNHRC, Sec.-Gen. Ban Ki-moon says that he remains concerned about the unfulfilled human rights of the Palestinian people, in particular the right to self-determination.

Sept. 19: The World Bank warns of a deepening fiscal crisis in the Palestinian territory.

Sept. 21: An Israeli soldier and three gunmen are killed in clashes along the Israel-Egypt border.

Sept. 23: Hamas' leader Khaled Mashaal decides not to run for re-election as head of the Hamas politburo.

Sep. 25: UNHRC accused the state of Israel of failing to prosecute Israeli soldiers and settlers who commit crimes against the Palestinian people in the OPT.

Sept. 28: Speaking at the UN in New York, Pres. Mahmoud Abbas calls on the international community to act and help the Palestinians to establish their independent state.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: The PA consults with Arab countries and other groups over the wording of a draft resolution to the UNGA requesting acceptance of Palestine as a non-member state.

Oct. 2: The US warns European governments against supporting a Palestinian bid at the UNGA, saying that such a move "would be extremely counterproductive" and threatens "significant negative consequences" for the PA, including financial sanctions.

Oct. 8: Churches leaders in the US and other faith-based organizations ask the US Congress to re-evaluate US military aid to Israel.

Oct. 25: Guyana establishes diplomatic relations with Palestine.

- UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Richard Falk, calls for a boycott of Israeli and international businesses that profit from settlements.

- The "Miles of Smiles 17" solidarity convoy reaches the Gaza Strip through the Rafah border terminal due to a rare authorization from Egypt to allow food supplies into Gaza.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1: Israeli censor releases commando's account, acknowledging for the first time the killing of Abu Jihad in Tunis in 1988.

Nov. 8: 12-year old Hamid Abu Daqqa is killed after being shot in the head by an Israeli military helicopter while playing football with his friends outside his home in Khan Younis. Shortly afterwards, Palestinian fighters blow up a tunnel along the Gaza-Israel border, injuring one Israeli soldier. Israel responds with days of shooting and bombardment.

Nov. 11: During an Israeli cabinet meeting, Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz urges the government to "cut off the head of the snake... take out the leadership of Hamas in Gaza." He also calls for a cutting off of water, food, electricity, and fuel shipments to Gaza's 1.7 million people.

Nov. 12: Palestinian militant factions agree to a truce if Israel ends its attacks.

Nov. 13: Work begins to exhume the body of PLO leader Yasser Arafat amid an investigation of his death.

Nov. 14: Israel breaks two days of calm by assassinating Ahmed Jabari, head of Hamas' military wing. At least eight other Palestinians are killed in Israeli attacks. Palestinian groups respond with rocket fire. In the ensuing "Gaza War" (dubbed by Israel as Operation 'Pillar of Defense') over 139 Palestinians are killed, half of them civilians, over 900 are injured, and some 10,000 have lost their homes.

Nov. 21: An Egypt-brokered cease-fire in Israel's conflict with Gaza is announced in a joint news conference in Cairo with US Sec. of State Hillary Clinton and Egyptian FM Mohammed Kamel Amr.

Nov. 27: The remains of Yasser Arafat are exhumed and Swiss, French and Russian experts are given samples to establish whether his death in 2004 was the result of poisoning before the tomb was resealed.

Nov. 29: The UNGA in New York votes overwhelmingly with 138 in favor, nine against and 41 abstentions to recognize Palestine as a non-member state.



DECEMBER

Dec 3, Israel seizes \$120m in Palestinian tax revenue over UN statehood vote.

Dec 6, King Abdullah II of Jordan arrives in the West Bank as a first official visit of an Arab leader after Palestine's UN status upgrade.

Dec 7, New illegal settlement of Leshim is built on the lands of the West Bank village of Kafr al-Dik, near Salfit.

Dec 8, Hamas leader Khaled Mashal arrives in Gaza for the first time ever to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Hamas.

Dec 11, Israeli forces attack offices of three Palestinian non-government organizations (NGOs) in the West Bank.

Dec14, upon the shelling of Yarmouk refugee camp, Abbas urges Assad to spare Palestinians in Syria.

Dec 22, Abbas threatens to dismantle Palestinian Authority if Israeli settlement construction continues.

Dec 24, Israel upgrades a college in the "Ariel" settlement to a university, giving it the same status as universities inside Israel.

Dec 30, Speaking with Israeli diplomats at his Jerusalem residence, Israeli President Peres calls for the resumption of peace talks with the Palestinians saying that President Abbas was a willing partner with whom an agreement could be reached.



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II. DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Introduction

Through its Dialogue Program, PASSIA has ever since its foundation striven both 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. 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 divided into the following three sections:

Roundtable Meetings: PASSIA invites a speaker (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. Particularly topical issues are sometimes the subject of a series of lectures by as varied a range of speakers as possible. These meetings aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.

Briefings: PASSIA frequently provides a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. These meetings 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 Israelis. PASSIA has also hosted numerous meetings in which resident diplomats and visiting foreign missions are invited to discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories. 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.

PASSIA Forum: Owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA organizes from time to time 'public lectures' involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. These meetings are attended by the guest speaker(s), possibly one or two discussants, who will comment on the presentation, and an invited audience of up to 120 people. Forums are held at a hotel in Jerusalem or Ramallah, which offers the space and facilities needed to accommodate the anticipated number of participants. Speakers, discussants and participants at these meetings include local and foreign figures from a rich diversity of backgrounds and schools of thought: Scholars, professionals and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some of the meetings can be found at PASSIA's website (<http://www.passia.org>)

Roundtable Meetings

2 October 2012, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: DRAWING FINAL BORDERS: NEW THINKING TOWARDS A VIABLE, UNIFIED PALESTINIAN STATE SPEAKERS: JAN DE JONG, GEOSTRATEGIC PLANNER; GEOFFREY ARONSON, DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE (WASHINGTON DC)

Participant(s): Raed Abed Rabbo, PR Director; Dr Nasri Kumsieh, Chairman, Arij; Layaly Hamayel, Research Assistant, Birzeit University; Sam Bahour, Consultant; Mazen Sinokrot, Private Sector; Christian Jacklsperger, Deputy Head of Mission (Germany); Sameer Abu Eishah, Professor of Engineering, Najah National University; Raid Nairat, Professor of Political Science, Najah National University; Ahmad Abbas, Advisor, Ministry of Planning

15 May 2012, Hind Al-Husseini Women College, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

Topic: COMMEMORATING THE PALESTINIAN NAKBA 1948, FILM SCREENING FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION

Participant(s): Mahira Dajani, President, Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Adel Ruished, Governmental Relations Officer, Administrative Director in Jerusalem, Al-Quds University; Mu'tasem Hamoudeh, IT Consultant, Al-Quds University; Nadia Alkam; Phadime Choshare, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Benjamin Groulx, Researcher; Martin de Leon, Student; Suzannah Reuben, Student; Teachers & Students from Dar At-Tifl Al-Arabi & Al-Quds University.

10 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE SECOND ARAB AWAKENING AND THE IMPACT ON PALESTINIANS

Participant(s): Group from National War College, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Richard B. Andres, Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College; Captain Frank H. Kingett, Coast Guard Chair at the National War College; Colonel Mark Bertolini, US Army, Armor/Cavalry officer; Lieutenant Colonel Matthew S. Grosz, Infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps; Norman Jacobson, Jr., Participants at the Defense Senior Leader Development Program (DSLDP); Marc Koehler, U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer; Lt Col John LaPore, United States Air Force Logistics Readiness Officer; Lieutenant Colonel Michelle D. Mitchell, Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps; Dermot F. O'Reilly, Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI); Lieutenant Colonel Todd P. Simmons, United States Marine Corps (USMC); Matthew Williams, Policy Analyst for the Department of Defense.



31 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

Participant(s): ILO delegation, Kari Tapiola, Special Advisor to the Director General; Shauna Olney, Coordinator Equality, Migrant Workers and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Team, International Labour Standards Department; Tareq Haq, Employment Development & Strategies Officer; Martin Oelz, Legal Officer And Human Rights Focal Point, International Labour Standards Department; Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO Jerusalem; Rasha El-Shurafa, Programme Officer, ILO Jerusalem.

Briefings

22 November 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IMPLICATION OF THE WAR ON GAZA AND THE DAY AFTER

Participant(s): Dr. Laszlo Gonad, Foreign Policy Analyst, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Mr. Adam Szesztay, Head Of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Mr. David Bohm, Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

22 November 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **IMPLICATION OF THE WAR ON GAZA AND THE DAY AFTER**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Goodman Molate, Counselor, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Solly Tshivhula, Counselor Political Section, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

17 November, 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): HE Philip C. Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC, Former American Consul General in Jerusalem (1989-1991)

6 November, 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): Yael Lempert, Deputy Principal Officer, Consulate General, United State of America; Jennifer Gavito, Chief of Political Section, Consulate General, United State of America

24 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PALESTINIAN IMPASSE AND THE QATARI EMIR'S VISIT TO GAZA**

Participant(s): Dr. Martti Eirola, Head, Representative Office of Finland to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

9 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN POLITICS**

Participant(s): Steven Galpern Ph.D. Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Washington DC; Colin C Eilts, Desk Officer, Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs; Kimberly Harrington, Political Advisor, Office of the United States Security Coordinator; Eric M. Barbee, Political Officer, Consulate General of the United States of America.

4 October, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **INTERNAL PALESTINIAN POLITICS**

Participant(s): Csaba Czibere, Head of Mission, Representative Office of Hungary to the Palestinian National Authority, Ramallah.

27 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS AND PALESTINIAN POLITICS**

Participant(s): Karl Vick, Journalist, Time Magazine

24 September, 2012 PASSIA Office - Jerusalem

Topic: **THE GERMAN SPD - PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS**

Participant(s): Alexander Ruesche, Program Manager, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung;

20 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS

Participant(s): Dr David Carroll, Director of Democracy Program; Sarah Johnson, Assistant Director of Democracy Program; Nathan Stock, Assistant Director of the Conflict Resolution Program; David Viveash, Carter Center; Fajr Harb, Program Coordinator



11 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

Participant(s): Mostafa El Gamil, Consul General, Arab Republic of Egypt, Takeshi Okubo, Political Counselor, Embassy of Japan, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

5 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: SECURITY, NETWORKING AND HUNGARIAN NGOS

Participant(s): Csaba Rada, Deputy Head of Mission, Head, Hungarian Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Peter Rada, President, Corvinus, Society for Foreign Affairs and Culture, Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman, PASSIA

1 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE ECONOMY OF PALESTINIAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Participant(s): Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative for the MEPP; Julia Koch, Head of Political Section, European Commission Technical Assistance Office (West Bank, Gaza Strip).

4 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: AMERICAN ELECTIONS: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM AN AMERICAN ELECTED PRESIDENT?

Participant(s): Mirvat Al-Azzah, Al-Hurra TV, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

29 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: EGYPT AND SHAPING PALESTINIAN POLITICS

Participant(s): Peter C. Lohman, Political Officer, US Department of State; Christopher G. Leslie, Deputy Political Chief, US Department of State; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA

27 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: SOUTH AFRICA & ISRAEL

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA

25 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARAB SPRING FOR ISRAEL

Participant(s): Danny Robinstein; Avishai Margalit; Hanoch Gutfroind; Uri Katz; Shlomo Abulafia; Peteg Radai.

23 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: FUTURE OF THE NGOs IN PALESTINE

Participant(s): Nathan Evans, Senior Program Manager, NDI; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA



2 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PALESTINIAN PAPERS**

Participant(s): Clayton Swisher, Al-Jazeera TV; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway

24 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): Mr. Mostafa El-Gamil, Consul General, Egypt Embassy; Mr. Sameh Nabil, Egyptian Consul, Egypt Embassy.

18 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **COURTESY VISIT**

Participant(s): B.S. Mubarak, Head of Indian Representative Office, Ramallah; Mohammed Abu Shamsieh, Public Relation Officer, Indian Representative Office, Ramallah, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA

21 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **BRAZILIAN CONFERENCE**

Participant(s): Ligia Maria Scherer, Head, Brazilian Representative Office, Ramallah.

7 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Goodman Makgapa Molate, Counselor, South African Representative Office, Ramallah.

4 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ISRAELI GOVERNMENT**

Participant(s): Hanaoka Yoji, Jerusalem Bureau Chief, The Mainichi Newspaper, Japan

29 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

29 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Christopher Greenshields, Ambassador, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah.

23 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS**

Participant(s): Martin Seemungal, Producer, CTV; Nidal Abu Diab, Filmmaker, CTV

10 May 2012, Finland Representative, Ramallah

Topic: HOW TO PROCEED ON PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS? HOW TO INTEGRATE ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS INTO DEMOCRATIC AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES, INCLUDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS? PALESTINE IN THE REGIONAL CONTEXT.

Participant(s): Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament of Finland, Timo Soini, Chairperson of the Committee; Ben Zyskowitz, Member; Annika Lapintie, Member; Saara Karhu, Member; Christina Gestrin, Member; Aila Paloniemi, Member; Petteri Orpo, Member; Tom Packalén, Member; Raili Lahnalampi, Counsel and Committee; Dr Martti Eirola, Head, Representative of Finland, Ramallah; Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, President of Al-Quds University; Dr. Rana Alhelsi, Country Representative , Senior Consultant, NIRAS.

7 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIAN NARRATIVE

Participant(s): Javier Gutierrez, Deputy Consul General, Spanish Consulate; Alvaro Garcia-Ormaechea , Lawyer, CI Toledo Pax; Ana Echague, Researcher at Frida; Gabriel Elorriaga, Member of Spanish Parliament; Vicente Palacio, Foundation Alternativas; Carlos Mulas, Director, Fundacion IDEAS; Felix Arteaga, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano; Fernando Mtz.-Vara de Rey, Sefarad-Israel; Carlota Garcia Encina, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute.



7 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JAPAN SEMINAR 2012

Participant(s): Tomoaki Shimane, First Secretary, Head of the Public Information and Cultural Section, Representative Office of Japan, Ramallah; Hideki Hara, Director, Europe, Middle East and Africa Section, The Japan Foundation.

25 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE EU & THE ISRAELI PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Participant(s): Gerhard Schlaudraff, Political Adviser to the EU Special

Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Dr. Andreas Reinicke, European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process.

25 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES**

Participant(s): Dana Marca, Vice President, Global Focus, Romania

24 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIANS 'PARALYZED' BY LACK OF VISION**

Participant(s): Michael Jansen, The Irish Times, Jerusalem.

19 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES**

Participant(s): Yasmine Sherif Rajasingham, Deputy special Representative of the Administrator, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, United Nations Development Programme

18 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ELECTIONS & YOUTH**

Participant(s): Julie Ballington, Leader of the Mission, Senior Advisor on Gender and Political Participation in Democratic Governance Group (DGG), United Nations Development Programme; Marcin Buzanski, International Consultant-Conflict and Governance, United Nations Development Programme; Amjad Al-Sharif, Programme Analyst, Governance Unit, United Nations Development Programme

12 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **EXCHANGE LETTERS BETWEEN PRESIDENT ABBAS AND PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU**

Participant(s): Gu Yi, Jerusalem Bureau, China Central Television; Marwan Athamneh, Correspondent, China Central Television

11 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA: HISTORY CULTURE & IDENTITY**

Participant(s): Bogustaw Ochodek, Representative of the Republic of Poland, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority; Basia Urban-Nino, Development Aid Expert, Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority, Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah. Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah; Livingstone Vukile Mdlalo, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

2 April 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PUBLIC DIPLOMACY & THE VARIOUS TRACKS IN PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS**

Participant(s): Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Lawrence Randolph, Special Assistant; Ashley

Garrigus, Staff Assistant ; Andrew Rabens, Special Advisor for Youth Engagement, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Frank Finver, Counselor for Press and Public Affairs; Cynthia Harvey, Cultural Affairs Officer; Christine E. Meyer, Director, America House, American Consulate



28 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PASSIA PROJECTS 2012**

Participant(s): Michael Broening; Head, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; INGRID Ross, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Berlin; Alexander Ruesche, Program Manager, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

21 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE IMPACT OF THE ARAB SPRING ON THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Sung-Jun YEO, Head, Korea Representative Office, Ramallah.

20 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE IMPACT OF THE ARAB SPRING ON THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Naofumi Hashimoto, Head, Japan Representative Office, Ramallah

13 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE TWO STATE SOLUTION, WHERE TO?**

Participant(s): Warren Clark, Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace

29 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS (FATEH VS. HAMAS)**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE POLITICAL TRACKS IN PALESTINE 2012

Participant(s): Geert Cockx, Consul General, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium; Karel Van Hecke, Consul (Political Affairs), Consulate General of the Kingdom of Belgium

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: PALESTINE AND POLAND

Participant(s): Bogustaw Ochodek, Representative of the Republic of Poland, Representative Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority; Basia Urban-Nino, Development Aid Expert, Office of the Republic of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority.

19 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: WATER CRISIS IN PALESTINE

Participant(s): Sir Daniel Bethlehem, Director, Legal Policy International (London-Washington).

16 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIANS: TEN YEARS AFTER THE ISRAELI WALL

Participant(s): Croatian Television Interview; Ivana Dragicevic Velickovic, Reporter; Jure Bebek, Cameraman; Nino Zubovic, Sound Tech.

8 February 2012, Working Dinner at the Residence of the Representative of Netherlands, Jerusalem

Topic: THE PALESTINIANS AND THE VARIOUS POLITICAL TRACKS

Participant(s): HE Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg and the Foreign Ministry Delegation, Netherlands; Mrs. Brigitta Tazelaar, Ambassador, Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah; Dr. Mamdouh Eker, Chairman of the Board of MASARAT Research Center, Ramallah; Alaa' Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Ramallah.

6 February 2012, Ramallah

Topic: THE NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA

Participant(s): HE Dr. Ziad Bandak on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas, and Dr. Nabil Shaath, Bishop Atallah Hanna, Ms. Janet Mikhail, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi and Dr. Laila Ghannam.

2 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IMPLICATIONS OF THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP'S REGIONAL VISITS

Participant(s): Ismail Coovadia, Ambassador, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah

2 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.**

Participant(s): Amal Nader, Monte Carlo Radio

30 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION OF HAMAS.**

Participant(s): BBC Interview; Kambiz Fattahi, Correspondent, BBC Persian; Fouad Abu Ghosh, Producer, BBC Persian.

31 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **KHALID MASHA'AL'S VISIT TO AMMAN (29/JAN/2012).**

Participant(s): Phadime Choshane, First Secretary, South Africa Representative Office, Ramallah.

16 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **CORE ISSUES IN PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Participant(s): Sujata Ashwarya Cheema, Assistant Professor, Center for West Asian Studies Jamia Millia Islamia, visiting Research Fellow Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

11 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **PALESTINIAN INTERNAL POLITICS & THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS!**

Participant(s): Amanda Pilz, Deputy Political Chief; Rosaline Antar, Political/Protocol Specialist; Ibrahim Jibril, Political Advisor

11 January 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **SRI LANKA NATIONAL DAY**

Participant(s): Dr. T. Jayasinghe, Sri Lanka Representative Office, Ramallah

10 January 2012

Topic: **EU AND THE PALESTINIAN – ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS**

Participant(s): Dr. Marin Albu, Minister Plenipotentiary, Acting Head, Representative Office of Romania, Ramallah

3 January 2012, Jerusalem

Topic: **JAPAN CONFERENCE ON “DEMOCRATIZATION AND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST”**

Participant(s): Hitoshi Nakamura, Second Secretary, Japan Embassy, Tel Aviv, Representative Office, Ramallah.

3 January 2012, Jerusalem

Topic: **JORDAN HOSTING PALESTINIAN, ISRAELI AND THE QUARTET MEETING FOR PEACE TALKS**

Participant(s): Ethan Bronner, Bureau Chief, The New York Times, Jerusalem

PASSIA Forum

15 November, 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN TRANSITIONAL REALITIES - POLISH EXPERIENCE AND PALESTINIAN NEEDS

Speaker: Jan Litynski, Advisor to the President of Poland; Diana Buttu, Lawyer and former spokesperson for the Negotiation Support Unit, PLO; Dr. Karolina Wigura, Sociologist, University of Warsaw; Dr. Sabri Saidam, First Deputy Secretary General of the Fateh Revolutionary Council and Advisor on IT Issues to the President; Patrycja Sasnal, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Project, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Participant(s): Saji Khalil, Teacher; Adnan Al-Sharawi, Trainer; Mahmoud Al Kaddah, Engineer; Ahmad Abu Ghoush, Researcher; Abdul Fattah Qalqili; Jad Salman; Saadi Al-Wahidi; Heyam Matar; Moqbel Atta; Abdul Rahman Haj Ibrahim; Abdul Muhazeb; Derar Al-Helo, Director; Laila Jammal, International Relations; Ahmed Nijim, Palestinian Cultural Forum, PCF; Raed Hmouz; Dr Rafiq Rishmawi, Paediatrician; Dr. Hanna Rishmawi; Abdullah Abdullah, Yara Zayed, Projects Manager, Caritas; Dr Samir Shehadeh; BS Mubarak, Representative of India; Omar Al-Masri, Atef Midani; Abdullah Hijazy.



14 November 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

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Participant(s): Basia Urban-Nino, Development Expert, Polish Representative Office;

Shifa Jayouri, Programme Officer; Zaki Abul Halaweh, Journalist; Dr. Karolina Wigura, Sociologist; Patrycja Sasnal, Head of Middle East and North Africa Project, PISM; Aleksandra Bukowska-McCabe, Head of the Palestinian-Israeli MEPP Unit, Africa and Middle East Department; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relations Manager, Directorate of Education/Waqf; Csaba Rada, DHM, Hungarian Representative Office; Jamal Al Aref, Deputy Country Director, ANERA; William Hopkinson, Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Sonia Najjar, Al Quds University; Peter Tuma, Deputy, Czech Representative Office; Dan Koski, Koski Consulting, Tourism and Nonprofit Consultation; Jumana Jaouni, Policy Officer, Netherlands Representative Office; Mariapiera Pepe Trainee, The Italian Cooperation Office; Ala'a Qawasmi, Trainee, The Italian Cooperation Office; Rawan Asad, Public Relations and Fundraising Assistant; Salah Atallah, Tour Operator; Dr Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al Quds University; Khalil Assal, Journalist; Jamal Chosheh; Khulill Ifigazi, Business Expert. Zaki Abu Al-Halawa, Al-Quds newspaper.

18 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND YOUNG LEADERS - THE EFFECTS OF THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Speakers: Ishmael Reed, Published author, librettist, media commentator, publisher, lecturer and teacher; David Mark, Author of “Going Dirty: The Art of Negative Campaigning,” and editor-in-chief of Politix, published by Topix, the largest local forum site in the USA.

Participant(s): Naser Hidmi, Activist; Susan Nammari, Senior Programs Specialist, US Consulate; Naser Ideis, Information Specialist; Hanadi Qawasni, Spokesperson for ACRI; Muna Hasan, Journalist; Sawsan Safadi, Head of Public and Directorate of International Relations Education; Javier Parrondo, Spanish Consulate; David Mark, Journalist; Ishmael Reed, Professor Emeritus; Carla Blank, Artistic Director, The Domestic Crusaders Project; Vin Traverso, Department Cultural Attache, the American Consulate; Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor, Al Quds University, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA; Hadil Zu'mot, Student, Aseel Fatafteh, Researcher, PASSIA



15th September 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: GOVERNING THE WEST BANK & THE GAZA STRIP: TWO REGIMES OR ONE?

Speakers: Dr. Reem Botmeh, Institute of Law, Birzeit University; Dr Basem Zubeidi, Professor of Political Science, Birzeit University; Dr George Giacaman, Associate Professor, Philosophy and Cultural Studies

Participant(s): Cassandra Garcia, Student; Mariangela Gasparotto, Student; Mohammed Abu Jame; Jad Isaac, Director General, Arij; Ida Audeh; Saed Zein; Dr Wael Al-Battreghi, Counsellor at the Foreign Ministry; Waed Hasan, Student; Mohnnad Asmar, Engineer; Bassam Al-Saqqa, Satellite Engineer, Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC); Ahmad Sayed Ahmad, Sound Engineer, Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC); Adnan Shqueir, Professor, Dean of Research, Bethlehem University; Dr. Nafeth Nazzal, Bethlehem University; Laia Nazzal, Bethlehem University; Matthew Collado, Student, Birzeit University; Pauline Maisterra, Student of Journalism; Muna Hasan; Layaly Hamayel, Researcher; Kursad Mahmat, Chief Representative, Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency, Tika; Raed Abed Rabbo, Public Relations Director, Arij; Rami Mehdawi, Ministry of Finance; Radi Al-Jerai; Saed Abdul Hadi, Al-Nasher; Ziad Sarahneh; Moa Jonsson Lanne, Student; Malak Fakhoury, Student; Katie Weinheimer, Student; Anastasia Berger, Student; Hassan Al-Balawi, Counsellor; Dr Nasri Kumsieh, Physician; Alexander Ruesche, Project Manager, FES; Khalil Nakhleh, Independent Researcher.

27 June 2012, Legacy Htel, Jerusalem

Topic: DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE ARAB SPRING - AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

Speaker: Dr. Joshua Muravchik, Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, and Fellow, George W. Bush Institute

Participant(s): Ziad Abu Zayyad, Palestinian Independent Journalist; Jamal Adileh, Businessman; Hassan Faraj, Psychologist; Dr. Mohammed al-Issawi, Muna Mousa;

Mariam Houk, Journalist; Zakaria Al Qaq, Al-Quds University; Dana Al Qaq, Student; Naser Hidmi; Khawla Abu Ghazaleh; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman; Sung Jun Yeo, Head, Korean Representative Office, Ramallah; Rimon Abu Farha, Assistant, Head of Mission, Korean Representative Office, Ramallah; Raustin H, Student; David Viveash, Director, Carter Center; Khalil Assali, Journalist; B. S. Mubarak, Diplomat; Joshua Muravchik, Scholar; Joyce Morin Utz, Law Professor; Kathleen Bouzis, Student/NGO; Beatrice St. Laurent, University Professor.

14 June 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE US AND ARAB STATES - THE CASE OF EGYPT

Speakers: Professor Rosemary Hollis, Professor of Middle East Policy Studies at City University in London and Director of the University's Olive Tree Scholarship

Program Discussant: Dr. Nabil Shaath, Member of the Fateh Central Committee and Head of its International Relations Department

Participant(s): Abdallah Hamdan, Esawiah Organization; Yasin Sbeih, Student; Hassan Faraj, Sharafat; Christine Mayer, Director, American House, Jerusalem; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; Ribhi Abu Hummus, Rastin H, Student, Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Directorate of Education; Mohammed Abu Khdiar, Journalist, QI-Quds News Paper, Jihad Al-Khatib, Murad Jadallah

9 June 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: PALESTINE...WHERE TO? FORTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER THE 1967 DEFEAT

Speakers: Dr. Roger Heacock, Professor of History & International Affairs, BZU; Dr. Basem Zubaidi, Professor of Political Science, BZU; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi,

Chairman of PASSIA; Jamal Atta, Political Consul, Egyptian Embassy, Palestine

Participant(s): Hiba Saida, Employee, FMRU, BZU; Sane Sabban; Maidam Bey Saupayrma, Intern, EU Delegation; M W Makalima, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Nasser Hidmi, Activist; Kathy Bergen, Program Coordinator, The Friends International Center in Ramallah; Aladdin Qurron, Al-Bireh Municipality; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Raida Hawarin; Constanze Bouig, Fundraising Manager; Karem Abu Khalaf, Advisor; Saeid Bedawi; Anis Barghouti; Yasser Osman, Head, Egyptian Representative Office, Ramallah; Lina Abu Halaweh, Student; Fajr Harb, Carter Center; Ismat Quzmar, Coordinator, BDS; Dr. Mariem Saleh, PLC member, Ramallah; Suzan Da'na, Researcher; Mostafa Nada, Representative, Office of Egypt, Ramallah; Salah Edin Smaro; Raed Eshnawer, BZU; Hamza Obaydallah, BZU; Rasha Barghrouti, Information Officer, Birzeit University; Hanadi Qawasmin, Youth Group; Atheer Ismael, Student, Biomedical Sciences, BZU; Alexander Riesle, Program Manager, FES; Asem Khalil, Director, Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute of International Studies; Najeyeh Obaid, Teacher; B S Mubarak, Indian Representative office, Ramallah; Nader Qasem, Student; Omar Rahal, Human Rights and Democratic Participation Centre – SHAMS, Ramallah; Abdel Rahim Malouh, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Ramallah; Vukile Mdlalo, Diplomat; Wael Hussein, PLC member, Ramallah; Nina Mona Khofa, Diplomat; Goodman Molate, Counselor, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Ibrahim Shikaki, Researcher; Samer Sharif, Multimedia; Ahmad Abbas, Ministry of Planning, Ramallah; Omar Alesdak; Ammar Hijazi; Adnan Al-Sharawi; Najwa

Qura'an, Advocate; Simone Von Meyenn, BZU; Phadime Choshane, Diplomat, South African Representative office, Ramallah; Haneen Saleh, student; Fathin Al-Barqawi, Radio Ajyal, Ramallah; Majeed Samarah, Majeed Shihade, BZU; Ahmad Attoun, PLC member, Jerusalem; Ashraf Siyam, Lawyer, Ramallah; Hussam Zamlot



29 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Speaker: Prof. Everett I. Mendelsohn, Professor of the History of Science, Emeritus & Founder and first president of the Cambridge, based Institute for Peace and International Security

Participant(s): Christine Mayer, Director, American House, Alexander Rusche, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Danae Panissie, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Stefanie Kirster, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Zakaria Al-Qaq, Vice President, Al-Quds University; Yousef Daher, Jerusalem Inter-Church Center (JIC); Jorise Van Winckelm, European Union; Elodie Farge, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA; Nidal Ghaith, AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Fouad Dakkak, Freelance Consultant, Jerusalem; Dr. Nafez Nazzal, Al-Quds University; Laila Nazzal, Al-Quds University; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation, Directorate of Education PR Manager, Joseph Shawyer, Intern, PASSIA, Aseel Fatafteh, Researcher, PASSIA; Nida Shourgry, Researcher, PASSIA.

III. JERUSALEM

Ever since its foundation in 1987, the Question of Jerusalem has been a primary focus of PASSIA's activities. Besides hosting meetings, projects include academic research, documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Holy 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 and encourage debate on the issues at hand.

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.

Roundtables

12 December, 2012 Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE ON OVER 150 YEARS IN JERUSALEM

Speaker: Consul General Michael A. Ratney; American Consulate General Jerusalem

Participant(s): Abed Abu Diab; Yasmin Abu Omar, Mechanical Engineer; Waed Ayyash, Occupational Therapist; Hiba Hussein, Lawyer; Fatima Darwish; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical Engineer; Dahoud Darwish; Naser Hidmi; Dr. Amneh Badran, Lecturer, al-Quds University; Renad Barakat; Terry Boullata; Hatem Khweis; Youssef Habesch; Hanna Sahhar; William Lee; Mohammed Nuseibeh; Samar Khoury; Hind Khoury; (Rev) Victore E. Makari, Deyar; Vincent Traverso, U. S. Consulate; Sawsan Safadi; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Riham Hussein; Husam Zomlot; Nathan Stock, Carter Center; Fajr Harb, Carter Center; Ghassan Khatib, Lecturer, Birzeit University; Afif Safieh; Khalil Tofakji; Dinaa Safieh, Travel Agent; Iba Farrah; Lucy Nusseibeh, Director, Institute of Modern Media; Khalid Kaloti, Engineer; Ali Jassar, Student; Hassnan Dajani, U. S Consulate; Nisreen Al-Aref, Manager of finance, FES; Jamal Al Aref, Director, ANERA; Khuloud Khayyat Dajani, General Secretary, Al-Quds University; Leslie Crdeman, US Consulate; Simon Azazian, Director, Bible Society; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Director, Makassed Hospital; Daoud Al Ghool; Farid Al-

Kawasmi; George Fihaon; Aminah Abu Sway; Valerie Feron, Journalist; Samer Nusseibeh, Engineer; Adel Roashed; Yaeil Lambert; US Consulate



14 November, 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM: THROUGH AMERICA'S EYES

Speaker: HE Philip C. Wilcox, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace, Washington DC, Former American Consul General in Jerusalem (1989-1991)

Participant(s): Andrew Rigby, Professor; Thomas Dallal, Lawyer; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner; Marwan Shehadi, Legal Intern; Zaki Abul Halaweh, Journalist; Christine Meyer, Director, American House, Jerusalem; Naser Hidmi; Diana Buttu, Lawyer; Jasmin Abu Khaider, Student; Sonia Najjar, Director of Planning for Jerusalem, AQU; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Hatem Khwais, Media; Yasmin Abu Amear, Mechanical Engineer.

16 October 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH PULITZER PRIZE WINNER KAI BIRD ON HIS MOST RECENT BOOK: CROSSING MANDELBAUM GATE: COMING OF AGE BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS, 1956-1978

Speaker: Kai Bird, Pulitzer Prize winning author

Participant(s): Javier Parrondo, Deputy, Spanish Consulate; Naser Ideis, US Consulate; Christian Mayer, US Consulate; Jenna Naser; Tony David; Walid Salem, Director, The Center for Democracy and Community Development; Professor Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University, USA; Fouad Jabr, Chairman, PAA; Mohammed Nuseibeh; Taher Nammari, Chairman, Magdese; Elsa Gruger; David Viveash, Field Office Director, Carter Center; Ed Nicolas, Senior Admin Offic, UN; Djony Konanger, UNDP; Wael Idreis, Accountant; Abed Abu Diab; Sawsan Safadi; Head of Public and Directorate of International Relations Education

16 July 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: WORKING DINNER, JERUSALEM CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUES

Place: Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Participants: John Gatt-Rutter, EU Representative, Jerusalem; Michael Gahler MEP, European Parliament- Chairman of the Delegation for Relations with the Pan- African Parliament; Arnaud Danjean, European Parliament- Chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense; Ioan Mircea Pascu, European Parliament- Committee of Foreign Affairs; Krzysztof Lisek, Member of the European Parliament; Maria Elena Kappa, Member of the European Parliament; Ms. Hiba Hussein, Lawyer; Mazen Sonqrot, Businessman; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

6th June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ON JERUSALEM**

Speaker(s): Mr. Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative; Mr. Gerhard Schlaudraff; Mr. William Hopkinson

Participant(s): Sawsan Safadi, Director, Public & International Relation, PA Ministry of Education, Jerusalem; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Khaled Kaloti, Engineering; Omar Al-Alami, Jerusalem Cigarette Company; Khalid Khatib, Director, Palestine Heritage Museum (Dar At-Tifl), Jerusalem; Dr. Sulaiman Rabad, Frères College for Boys & Girls (De la Salle), Jerusalem; Hanadi Qawasmi, Youth Group Member.

30 May 2012, Palestinian Heritage Museum, Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi Foundation, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP IN JERUSALEM (IN MEMORY OF JERUSALEM'S LEADER FAISAL HUSSEINI - 1940-2001)**

Speakers: Sheikh Mohammad Hussein, Grand Mufti of Palestine; Patriarch Michel Sabah, Latin Patriarchy; Abdullah Abdullah, PLC member; Hatem Abdul Qader, Fateh Faction, Jerusalem; Hanadi Qawasmi, Youth Group Member; Abdul Qader Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation.

Moderator: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Jad Qadamani; Adel Abu al-Haj; Sami Sarhan; Fadi Maragha; Shadi Asfour, Merchant; Fadi Mtur; Ahmad Jalajel; Mahmoud Jaddeh; Nasser Jeran; Omar Dana; Ahmad Zuaier; Alaa' Khroub; Abed Dawoud Abu Diab; Mohammad Abu Qutaish; Rami Mosha; Mais al-Reem Zuhaika; Mahmoud Baidon; Mohammad Abd Raboh; Aref Hussein; Zaid al- Qeq; Varsen Angelican; Omar Halayqa; Riyad Amin; Leila Faidi; Fadwa Hussein; Saed Hussein; Suleiman Abbasi; Nabil Kasu; Mahfouz Abu Turk; Kamel Hussein; Samir Khatib; Manal Alami; Amal Amari; Ghanem Yaacoub; Riyad Hussein; Jamal Gousheh; Ibrahim Joulani; Zahi Houril; Ayda Issawi; Sawsan Safadi; Mahmoud Barakat; Heba Taha; Alya Nasser Addein; Zaina Barakat; Riman Baranai; Gershan Baskin; Lulna Tahboub; Rami Tahboub; Hania Hazineh; Ishaq Qwasmi; Fouad Abdeen; Walid Nammour; Aref Nassr Addein; Abdullah Siam; Simon Abu Walid; Abeer Zayyad; Riad Jabr; Baha Jabe; Randa Kamal; Hawra' Annajar; Salah Abu Qutaish; Osama Taher Hussein; Wasef Allaou; Ziad Abu Zayad; Khaled Amouri; Husam Zomlot; Mazen Sonoqrot; Azam Shalmoun; Samir Jabril; Ryad Hamdan Isawi; Nasser Jubran; Nasser Hedmi; Khaled

Hidmi; Majdi Zughair; Hani Issawi; Omar Alami; Tahseen Mughrabi; Maen Adileh; and others.



10 May 2012, PASSIA, Ramallah

Topic: THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM: BETWEEN POLITICS & RELIGION

Speaker(s): Sheikh Raed Salah, Leader of Islamic Movement Northern Branch, Israel; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA.

Participant(s): Ali Abu Rass, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Mufti of Jerusalem & Palestine; Ahmad Rwaidy, Advocate; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman; Naser Addin Al-Shaer, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Ali Sartawi, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Fajer Harb, Carter Center; Hatem Abdul Qader; Ahmad Attoun, PLC member; Ghassan Al-Khatib, Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC); Husam Zumlut, Fateh Foreign Relations; Dr. Samir Abu Aisheh, Lecturer, An-Najah National University; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mohammed Zeidan, Head, Higher Monitoring Committee for Arab Citizens, Israel; Ali Abu Sheikha, Islamic Movement, Raed Salah, Head, Islamic Movement, Fadi Qawasmi, Lawyer; Sawsan Safadi, Director, Public Relation, PA Ministry of Education; Khalil Assali, Journalist; Jumana Abu Zayyad, Policy Officer, Netherlands Representative Office, Ramallah

19 April 2012, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem

Topic: THE DEPARTURE OF ETHAN BRONNER, BUREAU CHIEF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES IN JERUSALEM, & WELCOMING HIS SUCCESSOR JODI RUDOREN AND CORRESPONDENT ISABEL KERSHNER

Participant(s): Hanadi Qawasmi, Communication Coordinator; Jamal al-Aref, Deputy Country Director, ANERA; Khaled Kaloti, Engineering; Gamal Atta, Consular, Egypt Representative Office, Ramallah; Terry Boullata, Senior Advisor, Swiss

Development Cooperation, Jerusalem; Elvan Hacıefendi, Vice Consul, Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Daanish Faruqi, Khalil Assali, Journalist; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Manager; Joseph Dann, Journalist; Noothan Stock, Aid worker; Prof. Mlungisi W. Makalima, South African Representative, Ramallah; David Viveash, Carter Center, Ramallah; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Al-Quds University; Mohammed Rushdi; Sabreen Taha, Journalist; Hurrieh Al-Awaj; Nour Mani, Biomedical Engineer; Hassan Faraj, Kholoud Abu Tir; Yasin Sbeih; Kursad Mahmat, Chief Representative, Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency, Tika; Mark Alfano, Producer; dannish Faruq, Researcher; Frank Finver, US Consulate, Jerusalem, Christine Mayer, Director, American House; Arlissa Reynolds, US Consulate, Jerusalem

27 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACE GAPS - JERUSALEM AS A FINAL STATUS ISSUE

Speaker: Nida Shourgry, Researcher, PASSIA; Raja Shamas, Policy Advisor, Negotiations Affairs Department; Ashraf Khatib, Communication Advisor, Negotiations Affairs Department

Participant(s): Student from Lund University in Peace and Conflict Research on the project "Exploring Peace Gaps in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"; Henry Waldman; Joakim Herrlund; Fabio Cristiano; Michael Malinies; Charlotte Taylor; Kerstin Danner; Rio Nishiyama; Camersn Green; Anna Fagot; Samy Beltaief.

22 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: ISRAELI JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY: POLICIES & PRACTICES TOWARDS PALESTINIANS

Speaker: Dr. Meir Margalit, Founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) & Member of the Jerusalem Municipality (Meretz Party)

Moderator: Dr. Nida Shourgry, Researcher, PASSIA

Participant(s): Kareema Daoud Akguc, State Department, Washington DC; Alexander Rusche, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Danae Panissie, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Monther Shwieki, Architect, The Grand Bazaar; Fouad Dakkak, AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Nidal Ghaith, AlQuds Holding, Jerusalem; Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Zakaria Al-Qaq, Vice President, Al-Quds University; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planner, UN Habitat; Hanadi Qawasmi, Communications Coordinator, Qattan Foundation; Shifa Jayousi, Programm Officer, UNDP; Maen Adileh, Teacher; Frank Finver, US Consulate, Jerusalem; Vidar Glette, UN Habitat; Terry Boullata, Senior Advisor, SDC; Elodie Farge, Volunteer Researcher, PASSIA.



26 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM PRIORITIES 2012

Speaker: Maxwell J. Gaylard, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator and United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator, Jerusalem

Participant(s): Khaled Kaloti, Engineer; Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Fadi Kawasmi, Lawyer; Sawsan Safadi, Public Relation Manager, Directorate of Education Waqf; Aref Hussein, Engineer, Al-Nayzak Extracurricular Education & Scientific Innovation; Mazen Jabari, Director, Youth Development Department; Bashar Azzeh, Al-Quds Holding; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Zakaria Al Qaq, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Mounier Kleibo, Head of International Labor Organization; Areej Daibas, Manager, Sector Development -NDC; Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, C.E.O., Augusta Victoria Hospital; Zahi Khouri, Chairman, Pal. Tourism Company; Dr. Arafat Hidmi, Chairman, Makassed Charitable Islamic Society; Shifa' Jayousi, Program Officer, UNSCO; Rema Jamous, UNSCO; Astrid Marschatz, UNSCO; Michal Novwirth; UNSCO

Briefings

1 October 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: LAND ISSUES IN JERUSALEM

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Khatib; Mostafa El Gamil, Consul General, Arab Republic of Egypt; Sheikh Jamil Hamami.

17 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM AND INTERNAL JERUSALEM POLITICS

Participant(s): William Hopkinson, Political Adviser to the EU Representative for the Middle East Peace Process, European External Action Service

21 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM - RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL HISTORY

Participant(s): Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA Donna Robinson Divine, Professor; Kamilah Weeks, Student; Marie Jones, Student; Hannah Rovsselor, Student; Eliana Pollack, Student; Nick Peterson, Student; Sarah Needee, Student; Rebekah Renfro, Student; Karina Peterson, Student; Justin Cammy, Faculty member.

21 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM- RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL ASPECTS

Participant(s): Andries Coetzee, Pastor; Beth Coetzee, Student Ministry Coordinator; Jhon Roper, Chemist; Maria Janacz, Student; Carolyn Hockey, Student; Teresa Butel, Student; Rebecca Roper, Student; Nahida Gordon; Donald Gordon.



15 May 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: JERUSALEM

Participant(s): Dr Abdul Hameed – Co. General Secretary - Sri Lankan Committee for Solidarity with Palestine; Mr. Mahinda Hattaka - Ex Co - Member of Sri Lanka Committee for Solidarity with Palestine and author of the book Al-Nakbah - Palestinian Struggle; Sri Lankan Representative to Ramallah.

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **JERUSALEM; CULTURE AND IDENTITY**

Participant(s): Frank J. Finver, Counselor for Press and Public Affairs, American Consulate; Christine E. Meyer, Director, America House, American Consulate.

Date: 9 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM**

Participant(s): Sheikh Azam Khatib Al-Tamimi, Director of Jerusalem Waqf Endowment.

IV. RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Interfaith matters and religious issues have always had a special place in PASSIA's regular meeting program, and having realized the increasing need for better understanding between the various religious communities, in early 1998, PASSIA decided to establish a Religious Study Unit devoted to inter-religious dialogue and activities. The unit's work focuses on the role and significance of religion for different people and tries to promote understanding of, and respect for, others in order to address this religious diversity. Subjects discussed include the causes and consequences of problems within and between the established religious communities and activities that contribute to the elimination of misconceptions and stereotypes. The PASSIA Religious Studies Unit combines the following activities, some of which are held 'off the record' to allow for the frankest exchange and debates possible:

Coordinating Meetings and Briefings: Meetings and brainstorming sessions involving members of PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit and local and foreign counterparts/project partners from the three monotheistic religions with the aim of fostering coordination of ongoing and future activities.

Dialogue Sessions and Roundtables: Meetings with representatives from one or more of the three monotheistic religions, which usually include a guest speaker presenting a certain topic related to inter- or intra-religious issues followed by a discussion .

Seminars and Workshops: Encounters on a specific topic, involving either members of the three monotheistic religions or only representatives of the Christian or Muslim community. These seminars and workshops are intended to help participants to find common ground and to allow different religions to work in harmony and on an equal footing.

Conferences: Participation in conferences, here and abroad, that deal with aspects of religion, belief and interfaith relations, or foster an open and free debate on religious issues and aspects as they concern the people in the Holy Land.

Publication: Documentation and publication of research studies or proceedings from meetings/seminars

Roundtables

20 October, 2012, PASSIA Offices, Ramallah

Topic: ISLAM BETWEEN SHURA AND DEMOCRACY

Speaker: Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor of Islamic Philosophy; Dr. George Giacaman, Associate Professor, Philosophy and Cultural Studies, BZU and Director of Muwatin: the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

Participant(s): Feron Valerie, Journalist; Dr. Mariam Saleh, Palestinian Legislative Council, Ramallah; Ahmad M. Attoun, Palestinian Legislative Council, Ramallah; Wail M. Al-Husseini, Palestinian Legislative Council, Ramallah; Ghassan F. Abdullah, Manager, LimaLa.ps; Bastian Schroeder, Student; Andrew McLean, Government of Canada; Ingrid Ross, FES; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Academic, PASSIA; Hannah Peters, FES, Aylin Kog, FES, Julia Wenner, FES.



9th October 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE STATUS AND SITUATION OF AL-AQSA MOSQUE

Participant(s): Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Lecturer, Al-Quds University; Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Nasreddin, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, Mufti of Jerusalem & Palestine; Mustafa Abu Zahrah; Ali Abu Sheikah, Advisor, Jerusalem Affairs; Dr. Sheikh Ikremah Sabri, Council for Waqf & Islamic Affairs; Adnan Hussein, Minister, Jerusalem Affairs; Ahmad Siyam, Dr. Abdel Rahman Abbad, Lecturer, Al-Quds

University, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Deputy Director, PASSIA; Khalil Assali, Journalist.

Briefings

29 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ISLAMIC WAQF ISSUES**

Participant(s): Sheikh Azzam Khatib.

26 June 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLITICAL ISLAM**

Participant(s): Javier Gutierrez, Spanish Deputy Consul, Jerusalem

21 June 2012, PAASIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLITICAL ISLAM & PALESTINE**

Participant(s): Ruth Bajada, Analyst, EU Situation Center, European External Action Service; Carlo Wilhelm Messina, European External Action Service; Kieran Dalton, EU military Staff, European External Action Service; Simon Rose, Strategic Planning Coordinator, Eupol Copps, Ramallah.

28 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLITICAL ISLAM AND THE SYRIAN UPRISING**

Participant(s): CNN Interview; Fionnuala Sweeney, Anchor; Scott McWhinnie, Cameraman; Enas Muthaffar.



20 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **HAMAS, POLITICAL ISLAM AND THE SECOND ARAB AWAKENING**

Participant(s): Nathan Thrall, Middle East and North Africa Program Analyst, International Crisis Group; Afif Safieh, Palestinian Roving Ambassador for Special Missions- Fateh Revolutionary Council Member

13 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLITICAL ISLAM AND THE SECOND ARAB AWAKENING**

Participant(s): Damien Cristofari, Consul Adjoint, French Consulate, Jerusalem

2 February 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE MOBILIZATION OF POLITICAL ISLAM IN THE REGION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS ON HAMAS'S CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION.**

Participant(s): Karl Vick, Bureau Chief, Time

31 January 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **POLITICAL ISLAM**

Participant(s): Economist Interview; Nicolas Pelham, Jerusalem Correspondent, The Economist.

7 January 2012

Topic: **THE EFFECT OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS RESURGENCE AFTER THE ARAB SPRING ON THE PALESTINIAN CASE**

Participant(s): Julie M. Jolles, Political Officer, US Consulate General

Seminars and Workshop

16 June 2012, Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Topic: **ISLAM & FEMINISIM**

Participant(s): Dr. Peter Qumri, Head of Guyana (Honorary Consulate); Raustin H; Abdallah Hamdan, Esawiah Center; Husam Abu Fares, Computer Engineering, Sabeel; Majeda Juma; Marie Bouilly, Vounteer; Sarah Stern, Student; Nadine Tadros, Student; Ahmad Abbas, Ministry of Planning; Rami Mehdawi, Jour Demography; Muntaha Odeh, Health, Development, Information & Policy Institute, (HDIP); Moqbel Atta; Tasneem Hassan; Sana Hirzallah; Ahmad Attoun, PLC member, Jerusalem; Wael Hussein, PLC member, Ramallah; Islah Jad, Birzeit University; Nowar Thabet, Researcher, BZU; Haneen Zaidank, Union of Palestinian Working Women's Committees; Ingrid Ross, FES; Maen Adileh, Teacher; Hanadi Qawasmenh, Media.; Adnan Sha'arawi, Researcher; Omar Rahal, Researcher, SHAMS Center, Ramallah; Anthea Darychuk, Researcher, UNRWA; Ramzi Asali, Lecturer; Sana Hyazi, Admin. Officer; Nadia Hajal, Birzeit University; Anjad Hithnawi; Haneen Saleh, Student; Jumana Jaouni, Policy Officer, Netherlands Representative, Ramallah; Emad M. Nofal, PLC Member; Dr. Mariam Saleh, PLC Member,

Ramallah; Nada Jayousi; Rosemary Hollis; Abdel Rahim Malouh, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP); Sheikh Jamil Hamammi, Lecturer, Al-Quds University.

Conferences

7 December 2012, Dar Annadwa, International Center of Bethlehem

Topic: KAIROS PALESTINE: A STEADFAST WAY TOWARDS LIBERATION

Participants: Omar Bargouthi; Nassar Ibrahim; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Professor of Islamic Philosophy; Fr. Jamal Kader; Dr. Jeries Khoury; Yousef Daher; Rania Moura; Nidal Abu El Zulof; Arda Aghazarian; Qustantian Dabaq; Suhila Tarazi; Bishop William El Shumali; Bishop Munib Younan; Nader Ma'ade; Kafier Abu 'Eid.



4 July 2012

Place: An-Najah University, Nablus

Topic: PLURALISM AND THE RIGHT TO DIFFER FROM AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE - AND UNIVERSITIES ROLE IN PROMOTING THESE VALUES.

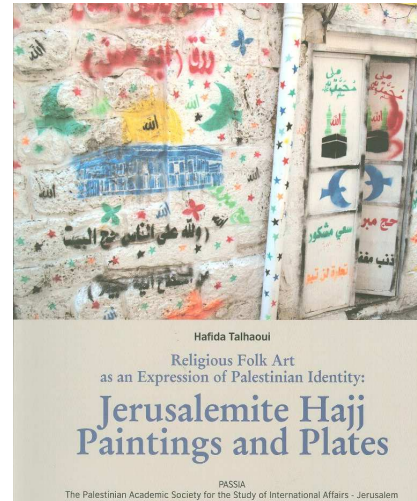
Publications

Religious Folk Art as an Expression of Religious Identity: Jerusalemite Hajj Paintings and Plates

by **Hafida Talhaoui**, English, 132 pages

This book focuses on Ḥajj paintings of Jerusalem and aims at introducing this topic into the field of religious folk art. The guiding research question is: Can the Ḥajj paintings of Jerusalemites, which depict the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqṣa Mosque in addition to the Kabah and Madinah Mosque, be interpreted as an expression of Palestinian identity? In answering this question, this publication is divided into four chapters. Chapter One describes the place of Jerusalem in the Islamic faith from an Islamic point of view, illustrates how the place developed under Muslim rule and how the crusader occupation of Jerusalem influenced Palestinians.

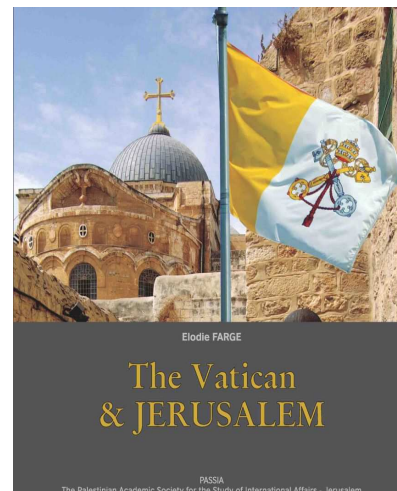
Chapter Two discusses the Muslim pilgrimage, the Ḥajj, and the impact Jerusalem had on it. The last part of this chapter focuses on the Egyptian Ḥajj paintings. Chapter Three deals with several issues relating to aspects of Palestinian identity and the role Jerusalem and foreign occupation played in this regard. The last chapter addresses the Jerusalemite Ḥajj paintings based on fieldwork and interviews conducted in Jerusalem during the author's visits. In Addition, this publication includes indexes and commentaries as well as an inventory of the epigraphs and figures used in the Ḥajj painting.



The Vatican and Jerusalem

by **Elodie Farge**, English, 108 pages

The city of Jerusalem holds a central position for Christians, which they regard as *mater ecclesiae* (the Mother of the Church), since the city has witnessed the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the foundation of the first Christian Church. This sacred character of Jerusalem as a Holy City has caused conflicts, tensions and rivalries at all times and also has made the city a focal point of interest for the Catholic Church. This publication seeks to analyze the position adopted by the Holy See towards the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in general and with particular regard to Jerusalem in particular.



V. RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM

PASSIA has undertaken its Research Studies Program ever since its foundation in 1987. To date, this endeavor has resulted in over 200 publications, researched and written 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.

Under the auspices of this program and 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.

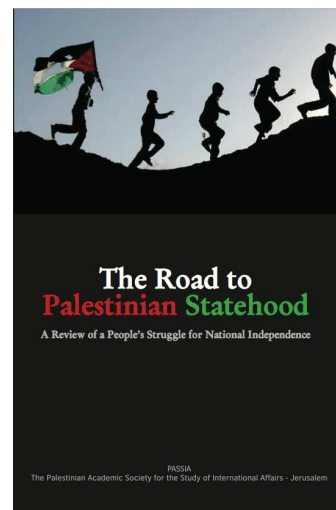
PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

As part of the 2012 Research Program, PASSIA published *The Road to Palestinian Statehood: Review of a People's Struggle for National Independence* as well as two monographs and one bulletin. In addition, PASSIA produced two French translations of the English-original bulletins on *Negotiations* and *Area C*.

The Road to Palestinian Statehood - Review of a People's Struggle for National Independence

PASSIA Publication, December 2012, 156 pages

After almost a century of dispossession, subjugation, discrimination and suffering, Palestinians continue to live under foreign occupation and are still striving to fulfill their dreams of an independent and sovereign state in the face of inexorable Israeli violations of international law, the passive or active complicity of their Arab state neighbors and the wider international community, as well as the ongoing divisions and internal conflicts in their midst. This publication retraces the history of the Palestinian struggle for statehood, from the exordium of the Palestinian national movement to the recent bid for statehood at the United Nations.



Area C: The Key to the Two-State Solution

PASSIA Publication, English and French, December 2012, 12 pages

Ever since 1948, consecutive Israeli governments have pursued a policy that resulted in disrupting the integrity of the Palestinian community and creating apartheid-like enclaves, based on the presumption that the presence of Israeli settlements will make the withdrawal from the occupied territories a mission impossible and thus prevent the establishment of a truly independent Palestinian state. Despite that the Palestinian leadership formally accepted UNSC Resolution 242 that calls on Israel to withdraw from all captured territory as a basis for peace and requires from Palestinians to accept the remaining 22% of their homeland for an independent state, Israel failed to consider this historical territorial compromise as a fundamental step in ending the conflict and continued to expand and establish new settlements. Accordingly, this bulletin aims to demonstrate that unless the Israeli government is held accountable for breaches in international humanitarian law and human rights law, Israeli policies will continue to forcibly displace Palestinians, while integrating the West Bank (Area C) into Israel proper, thus destroying the last hope for building a viable Palestinian state and rendering a just and lasting peace in the framework of a two-state solution impossible.



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Area C The Key to the Two-State Solution

INTRODUCTION

The struggle for land has been determining the Palestinian-Israeli conflict since 1947 when the United Nations recommended what is considered to be a 50/50 split between Israel and Palestine. This was despite the fact that only 7% of the country was owned by Jewish inhabitants, who made up only one third of the country's population. Palestinian rejection of the Partition Plan precipitated the Arab-Israeli War of 1948-49 causing the flight of two-thirds of the Palestinian people from the face of the land forces and another third to emigrate. 78% of the country.

In 1967, in the course of the June War, Israel occupied the remainder of Palestine, i.e. the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip comprising 22% of historic Palestine. Ever since, consecutive Israeli governments have pursued a policy that resulted in disrupting the integrity of the Palestinian community and creating apartheid-like enclaves, based on the presumption that the presence of Israeli settlements will make the withdrawal from the occupied territories a mission impossible and thus prevent the establishment of a truly independent Palestinian state.

Also in 1967, the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 242, calling on Israel to withdraw from all captured territory as a basis for peace, required Palestinians to accept the remaining 22% of their homeland for an independent state. In November 1988, the Palestinian leadership formally accepted this resolution in the context of 78% of historical Palestine, less than half the establishment of the 1947 Partition Plan.

Israel failed to consider this historical territorial compromise as a fundamental step in ending the conflict and continued to expand and establish new settlements. The drive to secure as much control over the territories as possible, while restricting Palestinian access to land and other resources was even accelerated after the signing of the Oslo Accords (1993-95). The Oslo Agreements further divided the West Bank into areas A, B, and C, each with clearly defined but differing levels of Israeli security control and responsibility according to both the Israelis and the Palestinian Authority. Since then, not only has the number of Israeli settlements doubled in the West Bank (Area C), but a complete new network of bypass roads has been established and the separation barrier is further consolidating Israeli control. All these measures reduce the land area, territorial contiguity and economic viability of a future Palestinian state, thus preventing its mere establishment and the realization of a two-state solution.

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AREA C AT A GLANCE

- Area C is Area C was created by the Oslo B Agreement in 1995 as an interim, 'open' military zone, covering the West Bank with different security and administrative zones.
- Area C comprises some 55% of the West Bank and holds an estimated 92% of the West Bank's agricultural lands.
- Approximately 40% of Area C is primarily owned by Palestinians but an entire legal settlements there are prohibited.
- Some 70% of Area C (about 41% of the West Bank) is the remaining 20% remaining to be 'handy' restricted, with less than 1% being for Palestinian development.
- Area C is home to 100,000 Palestinians in 542 communities.
- Some 325,000 Israeli settlers, legally live in over 100 settlements and expands in Area C.
- Some 84% of Palestinian permit applications to construct infrastructure have been 'rejected' in recent years.
- On average, 520-600 Palestinian structures are destroyed annually in Area C.
- Over 1% of all area C Palestinians were forced to leave their place of residence at least once since 2000. Thousands of others are at immediate risk of being expelled.
- Over 60,000 Palestinians living in Area C are not connected to a water network.

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Bulletin: Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations and the Issues at Stake

PASSIA Publication, French translation,

November 2012, 20 pages

Over the past six decades, there have been numerous attempts to find a political formula to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Yet, the current 'peace process,' launched in the early 1990s, remains a complicated and unresolved issue. Although there is no doubt that peace is a political necessity, emphasis has perceptibly been on process and the achievement of a durable agreement seems increasingly out of reach. The impasse in the negotiations reveals how little, if at all, remains of the basic notion that both parties to the conflict



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NÉGOCIATIONS ISRAËLO-PALESTINIENNES LES ENJEUX

Introduction

Le dialogue des territoires, élément de résolution politique du conflit israélo-palestinien restait sa dernière chance. Sa poursuite de paix a été lancée au début des années 1990. Depuis, une déception complexe et inévitable. Bien que les tentatives de médiation internationale aient été nombreuses, aucun accord durable n'a pu être conclu. Les tentatives de négociations directes ont été interrompues par les événements de la région, la violence et l'absence de volonté politique d'aboutir à un accord durable. Les tentatives de médiation internationale ont été interrompues par les événements de la région, la violence et l'absence de volonté politique d'aboutir à un accord durable.

La situation actuelle est la suivante : les territoires A, B et C ont été créés en vertu de l'accord d'Oslo. Le processus de paix a été lancé en 1993. Depuis, une déception complexe et inévitable. Bien que les tentatives de médiation internationale aient été nombreuses, aucun accord durable n'a pu être conclu. Les tentatives de négociations directes ont été interrompues par les événements de la région, la violence et l'absence de volonté politique d'aboutir à un accord durable.

Le processus de négociations directes entre Israël et la Palestine

Les premières négociations directes entre Israël et la Palestine ont débuté en 1993, conduisant à la signature le 13 septembre 1993 à Washington D.C. de la déclaration de principes sur les arrangements intérimaires d'autonomie. Le document reconnaît les grandes lignes des négociations à venir et prévoit la mise en place d'un gouvernement autonome palestinien pour une période initiale de cinq ans, sous un régime défini de conflit par la base. Les négociations ont été interrompues en 1995 par le cessez-le-feu de la Camp David. Les principaux thèmes des négociations ont été : les colonies, les réfugiés, les frontières, l'eau, la sécurité et les territoires. Le processus a été interrompu en 2001.

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have something to offer the other in exchange for what they themselves want. It appears that Israel has become accustomed to the way things are and sees no urge to change the status quo: it is in control of all the issues at stake, including land, natural resources, and people, while its own economy is flourishing. At the same time, nobody has emerged from the international community willing to take serious action against Israeli illegal acts or bring the occupation to an end. So far, the process has failed, but it will inevitably continue. The intention of this bulletin is to examine past efforts and expose the apparent intractability of this conflict by looking at both the existing state of affairs and the differing views regarding the so-called permanent status issues, i.e., Jerusalem, borders, refugees, settlements, water, and security.

President Yasser Arafat

PASSIA Publication, January 2012, 19 pages

A booklet on the late Palestinian president, paying tribute to his life and struggle. This publication is organized in chronological clippings and illustrated with numerous photos.

PASSIA Publications 1987-2012

PASSIA Publication March 2012, 71 pages

This book is listing all of PASSIA's publications published since 1987 – whether available in print or electronic versions – including a brief description of each of them.

VI. PASSIA SEMINARS & TRAINING PROGRAMS

PASSIA SEMINAR on Jerusalem, Identity, Culture & Art, 1-4 November 2012

The PASSIA seminar on *Jerusalem: Identity, Art and Culture* was developed given the importance of the cultural scene in Jerusalem, in addition to the complex reality the city faces. Accordingly, PASSIA has designed a four-day seminar that will cover the various aspects of Jerusalem's cultural life such as: religion, art, music, ethnicities, and anthropology.

The project's primary aim is to elevate the consciousness of Palestinian youth regarding Jerusalem. This will be done by introducing them to Jerusalem's cultural and historical heritage. It is hoped that by presenting such knowledge to the youth they can be encouraged to become active citizens and contribute to reviving the cultural scene in Jerusalem.

1. Preparation

In September 2012, PASSIA began to consult with colleagues and experts - both locally and internationally - in order to plan and implement the training program. The seminar was advertised in the local press during that month, and notification was also given to national institutions such as NGOs and research centers. No fees for undertaking the course were required from the participants.

2. Participant Selection Procedure

By the deadline of 10 October 2012, PASSIA had received a number of applications from all over the Palestinian Territories. Of these 34 were invited for interviews. In line with PASSIA policy not to interfere in the selection process, Varsen Aghabekian was invited and agreed to conduct the interviews in mid October. Twenty of the interviewees were selected to participate in the training program, as well as four reserves.

3. Reading Period

Following the selection of participants, the preparatory reading period commenced; by mid-October 2012, each participant received a reading package containing assorted background articles that would enable him/her to become familiar with the concepts of the seminar beforehand.

4. Lecture Program

From 1-4 November 2012 a series of lectures, exercises and discussions were given by Palestinian and foreign experts on the following subjects:

- Famous Palestinians of Words and Letters
- Religion and Culture: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Heritage
- Modern Architecture in Jerusalem
- Jerusalem Tradition and Customs
- Jerusalem in Arabic Poetry and Literature
- Jerusalem in Arabic Music - a Musical Journey
- Jerusalem in Film and Theater
- Jerusalem - A Mosaic of Identities

- Jerusalem in Arabic Art and Ethnicities

During the five-day seminar, beverages, luncheon and snacks for all participants and lecturers were provided by PASSIA.

5. Writing Assignments and Certification

At the close of the program, participants who performed all required tasks will be handed a certificate affirming their successful participation in the training program

Lecture Program

DAY ONE: 1 November 2012

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| 9.00-9.30 | Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks | |
| 9.30-10.30 | Religion and Culture: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Heritage | |
| | - Islamic Perspective: <i>Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer in Islamic Studies and Philosophy, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem</i> |  |
| | - Christian Perspective: <i>Rev. Mitri Raheb, President of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land</i> | |
| | - Jewish Perspective: <i>Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom, Co-founder and co-director of Clergy for Peace</i> | |
| 10.30-10.45 | Break |  |
| 10.45-11.45 | Religion and Culture: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Heritage, Cont. | |
| 11.45-12.00 | Break | |
| 12.00-13.00 | Famous Palestinians of Words and Letters
<i>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA</i> |  |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00-15.00 | General Discussion, <i>Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA</i> | |

DAY TWO: 2 November 2012

9.30-10.30 Jerusalem Tradition and Customs
Eng. Khalid Khatib, Director of the Palestinian Heritage Museum



10.30-11.15 Jerusalem in Arabic Art
Suleiman Mansour, Artist & Painter



11.15-11.30 Break

11.30-12.30 Jerusalem in Arabic Poetry and Literature
Dr. Abdul Rahman Abbad, Professor of Arabic Literature



12.30-13.30 Jerusalem in Arabic Music - A Musical Journey
Said Murad, Director of Sabreen

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Jerusalem in Film and Theater
George Ibrahim, Theater Director, Al-Kasaba Theater



DAY THREE: 3 November 2012

9.30-10.30 Modern Architecture in Jerusalem
Eng. Sinan Abdul Qader, Architect



10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-12.00 Jerusalem - A Mosaic of Identities and Ethnicities
Presentation of the various ethnic groups in Jerusalem (e.g., Moroccans, Gypsies, Kurds, North Africans etc.)

12.00-16.00 Field Trip (Old City) & Lunch

DAY Four: 4 November 2012

9.30-10.30 SWOT Analysis for Jerusalem (Cultural Revival)
Varsen Aghabekian, Manager of the Palestinian Negotiations Support Project of the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department



10.30-10.45 Break

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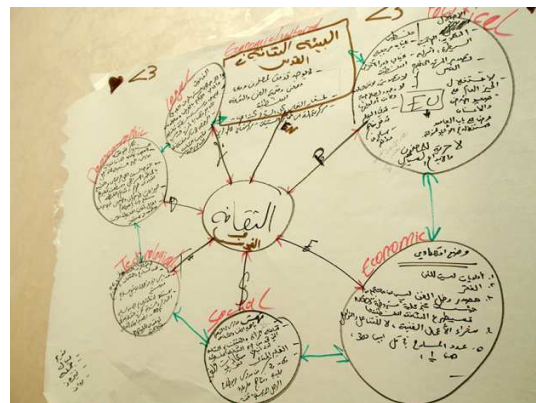
11.45-12.00 Break

12.00-13.00 How to revive Jerusalem's cultural life:
Discussion

13.00-14.00 How to revive Jerusalem's cultural life:
Working groups

14.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-16.00 Wrap up of the seminar



PASSIA Training Workshops

3 March 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE WORKSHOP

Participant(s): Student from Christopher Newport University- USA; Quentih Kidd, Professor; Tiha Renter, Professor; Kelsey Nichols; Caroline Green; Mary Curry; Anne Joyce; Ally Collender; Rosa Tahmassebi; Mike Sills; Kelley Ficklin; Taylor Ballenger; Lea Schild; Kerry Campsell; Rachel Goodwyn; Jonathan Dupuis; Maja Mastilovic; Matthew Stockner; Richard Johnson

EMPOWERING YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN JERUSALEM, EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

This education and training program came to meet the need of different loosely organized groups of young Palestinian activists from Jerusalem asking for guidance, assistance and for opportunities to share information related to both Jerusalem and their desire to get actively involved in issues of common and urgent concern in the city. Through Empowering Young Activist, PASSIA brought together activists from different youth groups from Jerusalem and worked on enhancing their understanding of Jerusalem's history, society, economy and political system, as well as its culture, religions and various identities.

13 June 2012, PAASIA Office, Jerusalem

Topic: PREPARATORY MEETING FOR EMPOWERING YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN JERUSALEM, TRAINING AND EDUCATION .

Participant(s): Renad Barakat, Trainer; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planer; Fatmeh Arafah; Dahoud Darwish, log Assistant; Osama Abbash, Fadi Amireh, Medical Management; Hiba Qawasmi, University Student; Nasser Hidmi; Muna Hassan, Grassroots, Jerusalem; Fayrouz Sharqawi, Grassroots; Haya Totah; Ali Gassar; Rawan Habel; Alaa; Bakri; Yasmin Abu Arafah, Architect.

29 August 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: IRAN, ISRAEL AND THE BIRTH OF NEW ALLIANCES

Participant(s): Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Muna Hassan, Grassroots, Jerusalem; Haya Totah; Ali Gassar; Rawan Hamad; Yasmin Abu Amer; Jawaher Joulani; Nasser Hidmi; Hadil Zu'mot.

19 September 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: ZIONISM: AN INTRODUCTION TO ZIONISM AND PALESTINE

Participant(s): Ali Gassar; Fatmeh Darwish; Dahoud Darwish, log Assistant; Muna Hassan, Grassroots, Jerusalem; Hatem Khwais, Media Coordinator; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Haya Totah; Mohammed Sayyad, Social Worker, Ahmad Al-Asmar, Reporter; Renad Barakat, Trainer; Rawan Hamad, Media; Ali Duwani, Press Photographer; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical Engineer

3 October 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE PALESTINIAN NAKBA 1948**

Participant(s): Ali Gassar; Fatmeh Darwish; Rawan Hamad, Media, President Office; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planer; Muna Hassan, Grassroots, Jerusalem; Ahmad Al-Asmar, Reporter; Hadeel Badarneh, Yasmine Abu Amear, Mechanical Engineer; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical Engineer



23 October, 2012, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **ARAB-ISRAELI WARS: 1955 BANDUNG CONFERENCE, 1956 SUEZ CANAL AND THE 1957 BAGHDAD PACT**

Participant(s): Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planer; Muna Hassan, Journalism ; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical; Hatem Khweis, Journalism; Rawan Hamad, Journalism; Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator.

21 November, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **THE 1967 WAR**

Participant(s): Daoud Ghoud; Dahoud Darwish; Fatima Darwish; Hatem Khweis; Yasmine Abuamear; Haye Totah; Hanadi Qawasmi; Ali Jassar; Ahmad Asmar; Rawan Hamad.

28 November, 2012 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: **OCTOBER WAR 1973**

Participant(s): Hanadi Qawasmi, Media Coordinator; Ali Gassar; Hadeel Badarneh; Hatem Khweis, Public Relation; Dahoud Darwish; Muna Hassan, Grassroots, Jerusalem; Anjad Hithnawi, Urban Planer; Rawan Hamad; Yasin Sbeih, Mechanical Engineer; Ahmad Al-Asmar.



VII. PASSIA CONFERENCES

As a major Palestinian academic institution and think tank dealing with international affairs and the Palestine Question, PASSIA is invited to attend many conferences, seminars and workshops that take place at both local and international venues.

Listed below are all the conferences that PASSIA was invited to attend and able to participate in throughout the year 2012 (see also chapters on Jerusalem and the Religious Studies Unit for more specific topics)

For more details and conference programs see PASSIA's website.

18 January 2012, Al-Quds University

Topic: **ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN JERUSALEM**

Organizer: PLO Jerusalem Affairs Department

Participants: Representatives of Palestinian Organizations in the OPT

7-8 March 2012, Tokyo, Japan

Topic: **A NEW HORIZON OF THE MIDDLE EAST (FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE REGION AND ENGAGEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY)**

Participants: Dr. Alain Gresh, France; Amb. Takaya Suto, Japan; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Palestine; Dr. Ahmad Kandil, Egypt; Amb. Tatsuo Arima, Japan; Mr. Shalom Tourgeman, Israel; Dr. Azyumardi Azra, Indonesia; Dr. Musa Shteivi, Jordan; Amb. Yoshiji Nogami, Japan; Amb. Yutaka Limura, Japan; Amb. Elyas Kasri, Tunisia; Mr. Khalid Al-Sayed, Qatar; Mr. Taha Ozhan, Turkey; Mr. Kazuo Takahashi, Japan; Mr. Nobuhisa Deqawa, Japan; Dr. Flynt Lawrence Leverett III, United States.

14-15 March 2012, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem.

Topic: **ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS 20TH MEETING**

19-21 May 2012, Egypt

Topic: **PRESERVING CO-EXISTENCE IN THE ARAB WORLD**

4 July 2012, Najah University, Nablus

Topic: **PLURALISM AND THE RIGHT TO DIFFER FROM AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE- AND UNIVERSITIES ROLE IN PROMOTING THESE VALUES.**

10 July 2012, Itamaraty Palace, Brasilia

Topic: **SIDE BY SIDE - THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A ROLE FOR THE DIASPORAS**

Organizer: Minister of External Relations of Brazil



11 September 2012, Preventive Security Academy, Jericho

Topic: THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM, THE PALESTINIAN ENDLESS TRACKS AND PALESTINE AND THE SECOND ARAB AWAKENING.

Organizer: Ministry of Interior, Senior Leaders Course



27 November 2012, Nablus

Topic: THE CONCERNS OF FAMILY COMPANIES ... REALITY AND AMBITION (The Second Conference)

Organizer: Chamber of Commerce, Nablus

10 December 2012, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

Topic: EUROPE AND TURKEY IN THE CONTEXT OF A CHANGING MIDDLE EAST

Organizer: FES (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

15-17, December 2012, Doha

Topic: GEO-STRATEGIC SHIFTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ARAB REVOLUTIONS

Organizer: The Center for Political and Strategic Studies in the Arab World

18-20, December 2012, Amman

Topic: SEIZING THE MOMENT: TOWARDS A MIDDLE EASTERN VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Organizer: Diyar and The Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies.

VIII. DESK DIARY

Every year since 1988, PASSIA has published its “Diary”, which continues to follow its original aims and goals, i.e., to provide a comprehensive directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza – listing names, addresses, main activities – combined with a full day-to-day planner (calendar) of the respective year and a comprehensive compilation of events and statistics related to Palestine and the Palestinians.

The PASSIA Desk Diary is annually updated – entries are added, changed or removed and new addresses and information are included. 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

As in previous years, the 2012 edition of the PASSIA Desk Diary contained 472 pages and included updated and new addresses, a calendar, and comprehensive information and statistics on relevant events and issues, as they became available throughout the preceding years.

The Desk Diary is organized as follows:

The first section, 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. The directory has become an invaluable resource for many and is annually updated and corrected. Each entry lists (where available) names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a brief background on an organization’s main fields of work. The directory also includes an index that facilitates the search for a certain entry. Directory entries included the following:

- **Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO):** Executive Committee, PLO Departments, Palestinian National Council, Delegations Abroad, Representation in International Bodies
- **Palestinian Authority (PA):** President’s Office, Ministries, PLC (members), Attorney General, Higher Judicial Council, Agencies, Institutions, Commissions and Councils, Police & Security, and Local Government (Governorates, Municipalities & Village Councils)
- **Political Parties and Factions**
- **Academic and Research Centers**
- **Agriculture**
- **Associations & Unions**
- **Chambers of Commerce**
- **Charitable Organizations**

- **Cultural Centers:** Art & Galleries, Cultural & Folklore Centers, Film & Cinema, Literature, Museums, Music & Dance, Theater
- **Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers**
- **Diplomatic Missions:** Embassies, Consulates, Representative Offices to the PA
- **Education:** Universities, Colleges, Schools, Training and Vocational Centers, Early Childhood Education, Educational Institutes, and Libraries
- **Environment & Water**
- **Financial & Development Institutions:** Banks, Credit, Investment & Consulting Companies, Money Changers
- **Governmental Aid Missions**
- **Health:** Hospitals, Clinics & Centers, Physicians, Pharmacies
- **Human Rights & Law:** Human Rights Centers, Law Offices, Lawyers
- **International & UN Organizations**
- **Israeli Activist Groups**
- **Media & Press** (local, regional and international)
- **NGOs Operating in Palestine:** Coordinating Groups, Foreign NGOs
- **Palestinian Organizations in Israel**
- **Religious Forums & Centers** (Islamic and Christian)
- **Restaurants**
- **Services:** Accountants, Advertisement, Print & Design, Bookshops & Stationery, Car Rentals, Computers/Software & IT, Couriers & Express Services, E-mail & Internet, Insurances, Management Consulting & Development, Photo Studios, Planning & Engineering, Real Estate, Telecommunication & Office Equipment, Translation & Editing, and Others
- **Sport Clubs and Fitness Centers**
- **Trade - Import/Export**
- **Travel and Tourism:** Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Hospices & Guesthouses, Touristic and Recreational Sites, Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators, Taxis & Transportation
- **Women's Organizations**
- **Youth Organizations**

The second section includes 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 2012 edition includes educational textboxes on Modern Muslim Scholars, Intellectuals and Leaders. These educational textboxes provided a brief introduction of noteworthy Muslim figures belonging to the nineteenth and twentieth century

The third section of the Diary is the **Agenda**, a source of information and facts about Palestine and the Palestinians. The agenda begins with 14 chapters in which the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question are described, supported by tables, statistics and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references):

- 1. Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms**
- 2. Israeli Occupation Policies**
- 3. Geography**
- 4. Population**
- 5. Refugees**
- 6. Land & Settlements**
- 7. Water & Environment**
- 8. Economy:** Agriculture, Industry & Private Sector, Labor & Employment, Tourism, Trade, Finances
- 9. Education**
- 10. Health**
- 11. Infrastructure:** Housing & Construction, Electricity & Energy, Transport & Roads, Communications
- 12. Society & Living Conditions**
- 13. Government:** Administration, Elections, Rule of Law, Negotiations, Police & Security, State of Palestine
- 14. Jerusalem:** History, Legal Status, Negotiations, Population, Residency Rights, Housing & House Demolitions, Land & Settlements, The Old City, Israeli (Municipal) Policies, as well as a Chronology of events in Jerusalem throughout 2012.

The fourth and final part of the agenda comprises a Palestine Chronology of events throughout 2012, a full list of available PASSIA publications, as well as a set of colored maps, illustrating historical and contemporary aspects of the Palestine-Israel conflict, including maps on Israel's settlement policy and its separation wall, the distribution of refugees and the situation in Jerusalem.

