

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

The 2005 edition of the PASSIA Desk Diary contains over 370 pages of updated and new addresses, a comprehensive calendar, and information and statistics on relevant events and issues, as they became available throughout the year of 2004.

The first section is the **Directory**, which contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories. The fact that it is annually updated as well as the comprehensiveness of the directory is unique and makes it an invaluable resource for all those interested in or working on the Palestine Question. Among the information provided one finds names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, internet websites (where available), and a brief background for most organizations on their main fields of work. The directory also includes an index that facilitates the search for a certain entry.



Directory entries in the 2005 edition included the following:

- PLO Bodies, Departments, and Representation Abroad
- Palestinian Authority (PA) Ministries and other Institutions, Commissions and Councils
- Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) members and committees
- Police and Security (PA)
- Local Government (Governorates, Municipalities & Village Councils)
- Political Parties and Factions
- Academic and Research Centers
- Agriculture
- Associations & Unions
- Chambers of Commerce
- Charitable Organizations
- Cultural Centers
- Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers
- Diplomatic Missions
- Education (Universities, Colleges, Schools, Training Centers, 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
- Local and Foreign Media & Press
- NGOs Operating in Palestine
- Palestinian Organizations in Israel
- Religious Forums & Centers
- Services (Accountants, Advertisement, Print & Design, Bookshops & Stationery, Car Rentals, Computers, Couriers & Express Services, E-mail & Internet, Insurances, Management Consulting & Development, Planning & Engineering, Real Estate, Restaurants, Telecommunication & Office Equipment, Translation & Editing)
- Trade - Import/Export
- Travel and Tourism (Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Hospices & Guesthouses, Travel Agencies & Tour Operators, Taxis & Transportation)



- Women's Organizations
- Youth Organizations and Sport Clubs

The **second section** of the Diary 2005 includes **standard features**, 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. Each calendar page also includes a box providing details of international treaties, conventions, resolutions and so forth that relate to the Palestine Question.



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):

- Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms
- Geography
- Population
- Refugees
- Land & Settlements
- Water & Environment
- Economy (Agriculture, Industry & Private Sector, Labor & Employment, Tourism, Trade, Taxation, Finances)

- Education
- Health
- Infrastructure (Housing & Construction, Transport & Roads, Telecommunication, Electricity & Energy)
- Society & Living Conditions
- Government & Negotiations
- Jerusalem (facts & figures on the history, population, Israeli policies and practices, settlement, and housing, as well as a chronology of events in Jerusalem throughout 2004).



The **fourth and final part** of the agenda comprises, a **Palestine Chronology 2004**, a full list of **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 the separation wall, the distribution of refugees and the situation in Jerusalem.

