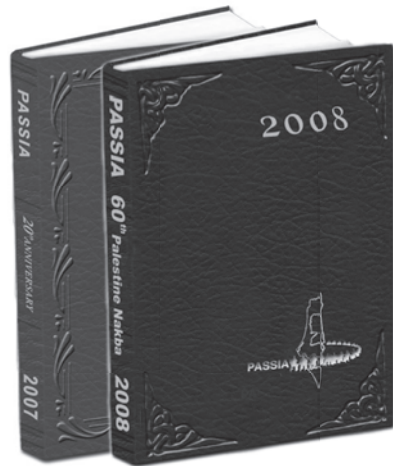


PASSIA DESK DIARY

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.

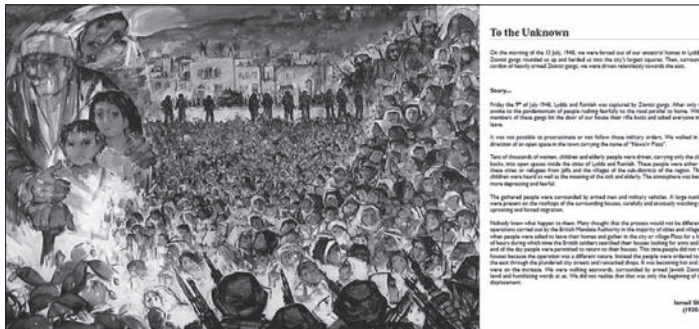


Contents

As usual, the 2007 and 2008 editions of the PASSIA Desk Diary included updated and new addresses, a comprehensive calendar, and information and statistics on relevant events and issues, as they became available throughout the preceding years.

The **2007 edition** contained some 392 pages and marked the 20th anniversary of PASSIA with snapshots from PASSIA’s achievements throughout those two decades. These included conformation on activities and publications as well as comments and congratulations by Palestinian, Israeli and international friends and colleagues of PASSIA.

The **2008 edition** contained over 440 pages and commemorated the 60th anniversary since the Palestinian *Nakba*, with informational material on people, places and events placed in the diary’s calendar section (“From the Files of 1948...”) and some paintings with historical backgrounds by the late Ismail Shammout put in a special section of the Diary.



To the Unknown

On the morning of the 13 July, 1948, we were forced out of our ancestral home in Lod. Some were loaded on an and herded in into the city's largest square. Then, scattered in the open space to the east of the city, they were shot and killed.

History:

On the 13th of July, 1948, Lod and Ramat Hashikma were captured by Zionist gangs. They set out to the extermination of people living here. In the next period in time, 1000 members of these gangs in the form of our forces, their rifles and shot were seen in the area.

It was not possible to determine or not follow these military orders. We walked in a direction of open space to the west carrying the name of "Nakba Plaza".

Tens of thousands of women, children and other people were driven, carrying into the fields, into open spaces into the area of Lod and Ramat. These people were either a three mile or village from Lod, and the village of the sub-district of the region. The children were herded in the morning of the 13th July. The massacre was later seen everywhere and heard.

The gathered people were surrounded to armed men and military vehicles. A large number were present at the location of the surrounding houses, curiously and anxiously waiting for a sign of their escape.

Historians know what happened in them. Many thought that the process would not be different. The people were shot in the British Mandate. In the region of Lod and Ramat, when people were asked to leave their homes and gather in the city or village Plaza for a few hours during which time the British soldiers searched their houses looking for arms and of the people were permitted to return to their homes. The time people did not return because the situation was different. Instead they were driven to the fields and shot. The people were shot in the morning of the 13th July. The massacre was later seen everywhere and heard. The news was widely reported, carried in a Jewish Center and in a Jewish Center as in. The day we realize that this was only the beginning of a catastrophe.

Ismail Shammout (1918-1988)

Each Desk Diary was further organized as follows:

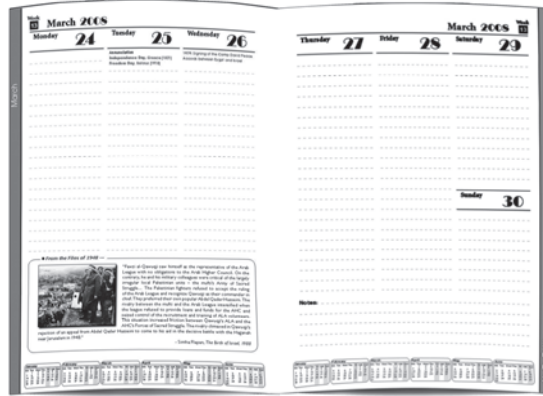
The first section is the **Directory**, which contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories. The fact that it is annually updated as well as the comprehensiveness of the directory is unique and makes it an invaluable resource for all those interested 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 included the following:

- **Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO):** Executive Committee, PLO Departments, Delegations Abroad, Representation in International Bodies
- **Palestinian Authority (PA):** President's Office, Ministries, PLC (members and committees), Attorney General, Agencies, Institutions, Commissions and Councils, Police and Security, and Local Government Administration (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:** 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, 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 & Tour Operators, Taxis & Transportation)
- **Women's Organizations**
- **Youth Organizations**

The **second section** 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**
- **Israeli Occupation Policies**
- **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**



