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The Year That Was

The year 2000 began with Israelis and Palestinians reaching an agreement on the delayed transfer of land to the Palestinian Authority (PA), and on 5 January, Israel did transfer 2% of Area B territory to Area A status, and 3% from Area C to Area B. The same day, PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul Rahim stated that this year would see the independent Palestinian state established on all lands occupied in 1967, with Jerusalem as its capital. This was the first such statement of a series which followed, although the year ended with the declaration of the Palestinian state still pending. On the domestic level, the last two signatories of the 'Petition of the 20', which had criticized the PA's performance in late 1999, Ahmed Shaker Dudin and Dr. Abdel Sattar Qassem, were released from prison. On 12 January the official announcement of Pope John Paul II's visit to the Holy Land from 20-26 March 2000 was made simultaneously in Rome and Jerusalem and raised hope for an economic boost - especially in the tourism sector, which had been far below expectations thus far. Less than a week later, a bomb explosion in Hadera injured 26 Israelis; in Beirut, the 'Omar Al-Mukhtar Forces' claimed responsibility. In Jerusalem, Israeli plans to build a Jewish settlement in Abu Dis stirred unrest, as did the Israeli interference in renovation work being undertaken by the Waqf at Al-Aqsa Mosque. In a show of solidarity, King Abdullah II of Jordan, on 20 January, confirmed that the Palestinian cause is the core of the Middle East conflict and that without returning Palestinian rights and establishing their state, there would be no peace in the region. The month ended with Palestinian and Israeli negotiators starting marathon talks aimed at reaching a framework agreement for a final peace treaty under US mediation.

February began with Israel presenting a final status map to the Palestinians offering 55-60% of the West Bank and calling for annexation of the remaining 40%; it was rejected outright. On 2-3 February, the PLO Central Council convened in Gaza to discuss the peace process and the declaration of the Palestinian State, which was to take place during the year. On the regional level, tensions between Israel and South Lebanon intensified, leading to Israeli air raids on 8 February and the destruction of power stations in Lebanon; the Israeli aggression was internationally condemned and within the Arab World voices calling for an end to normalization with Israel were on the rise. On 13 February the PLO Central Council resolved that statehood would become a reality by September 2000. Internal affairs were for the rest of the month dominated by the teachers' strike for higher salaries, during which numerous teachers were either dismissed or transferred to schools in remote areas. Meanwhile, on 15 February in Rome, Pope John Paul II and Chairman Arafat signed a Vatican-PA agreement to the strong disapproval of Israel. On 19 February, in talks with German President Rau in Bethlehem, Chairman Arafat reiterated the Palestinians' right to declare a state after 13 September and pushed for a more effective role by Germany and the EU in the peace process. On 26 February, protesting students attacked French PM Lionel Jospin during his visit to Birzeit University (BZU) after he made provocative statements describing the Lebanese resistance against Israeli occupation as 'terrorism'. The PA employed strict measures against students who participated in the assault. A day later, Palestinian figures in the Diaspora launched a worldwide campaign for the Palestinian refugees' right of return. The month ended with yet

another assault on Palestinians, when the Israeli army forcibly removed 15 Palestinian families, some 100 people, from their homes in caves in the south Hebron region for being too close to Jewish settlements and military camps. After heavy protests and appeals to the High Court, they were allowed to return on 29 March.

March began with Israeli forces storming the village of Taybeh, inside the Green Line, searching for alleged Hamas members. In an exchange of fire, four Palestinians were killed. On 4 March, the PA announced once more that the 13 September deadline for the state declaration was final and non-negotiable. On 11 March, the Foreign Ministers of the Arab League met in Beirut and called on Arab countries to freeze normalization with Israel in response to Israel's raids on Lebanon. On 14 March, Israel and the PA agreed on maps detailing Israeli redeployment from 6.1% of the West Bank, approved by the Israeli cabinet the next day, and executed on 21 March, the same day that final status talks resumed in Washington. After the land transfer 18.2% of the West Bank became Area A and 24.7% Area B. On 22 March, Pope John Paul II began his historic visit to Palestine in Bethlehem; it ended on 28 March in the Old City of Jerusalem, where the Pope declared that a peace granting justice to everyone was 'inevitable'. Also in late March, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), which regulates net addresses, granted the PA its own two-letter suffix, 'ps' for Palestinian State.

The beginning of April was marked by discouraging though familiar news concerning Israel's expansionist settlement policies: On 7 April, a Peace Now report showed that there were over 7,000 settlement housing units under construction, and three days later the Knesset approved \$400 million for security in settlements and the construction of 12 bypass roads. With regard to the negotiations, the head of the Palestinian delegation, Yasser Abed Rabbo, conveyed to his Israeli counterpart Oded Eran on 11 April the following five Palestinian demands to advance the peace talks: (1) No to conceding any part of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, including Arab Jerusalem; (2) no to the legitimacy of Jewish settlements; (3) no to adjourning final status issues like Jerusalem and refugees or accepting a partial framework deal; (4) no to any Israeli military presence inside the Palestinian state from the Jordan River to the borders with Egypt; and (5) no to accommodating Palestinian refugees outside their homeland. In late April, the PFLP's Secretary-General George Habash resigned from his post after 33 years; he was replaced on 8 July with his deputy Abu Ali Mustafa.

The death of a Palestinian child killed in a traffic accident on the Ramallah-Jerusalem road at Qalandia Camp on 2 May triggered violent protests between angry residents and Israeli soldiers over the state of the road, the improvement of which Israel refused to allow despite available funding allocated by Japan. On 9 May, the Arab League informed the UN Security Council that Arab participation in multilateral talks would be suspended until there was progress in the peace process. On the domestic front, many Palestinians as well as regional and international bodies condemned the Palestinian Bar Association's removal of dozens of lawyers working with human rights groups or NGOs from the list of practicing lawyers. On 15 May, marking the 52nd anniversary of the Nakba, Palestinians observed a general strike and clashes with Israeli troops erupted, which lasted several days and left six Palestinians killed and over 1,000 wounded. Meanwhile, the Likud Party proposed a bill to amend the Israeli Basic Law on Jerusalem to ensure that no part of the city would ever be transferred to the PA, and in Eilat, Palestinian negotiators rejected Israel's proposed final status map comprising of separate Palestinian autonomous cantons on only 66% of the West Bank. At about the same time in Stockholm, where "secret" negotiations were underway, the Palestinian delegation rejected an Israeli proposal for Jerusalem that would give the PA civilian rule of Arab neighborhoods, but leave overall sovereignty with Israel (the talks were ordered halted on 21 May by Prime Minister Barak). On 23-24 May, after announcing its intention to depart ahead of schedule, Israel completely pulled out of South Lebanon after 18 years, a move seen by

Palestinians as proof that no occupation can last forever. On 29 May, the Israeli government postponed indefinitely the long-awaited transfer of Abu Dis, Izzariyya and Sawahreh villages to the PA. On 31 May, hundreds of Palestinians in Israeli jails ended a month-long partial hunger strike after a promise from Israel to improve prison conditions.

Events in June began in Jerusalem, with the Higher Islamic Council issuing the 'Jerusalem Pledge', confirming the claim to full Palestinian sovereignty over the city as the political capital of an independent Palestinian state, while right-wing Israelis erected a fence around part of the confiscated area in Abu Dis, for which a new settlement was planned. On 10 June the region was hit by the news of the death of Syria's President Hafez Al-Assad; the PA declared three days of mourning and President Arafat traveled to Syria to attend the funeral. On the Israeli front, meanwhile, Shas withdrew from Barak's coalition, leaving a minority government of 52 out of 120 MKs. In response to recent rumors, Israeli Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz threatened on 17 June to use heavy armament to confront and curb any new Intifada that may erupt in the Palestinian Territories. On 23 June, while the target date for the completion of the third Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories - including three villages near Jerusalem - and the release of 230 Palestinian prisoners passed unobserved, PNC speaker Salim Zanon reiterated that the Palestinian state was to be declared this year no matter whether a peace agreement was reached or not, though it later became known that he had not consulted with the PLO Council before making this statement.

July began with a family dispute in Ramallah over a stolen car that escalated and sent shockwaves of disgust and disbelief throughout the entire area, when a young man from Al-Amari Refugee Camp entered a meat shop and shot the butcher's daughter dead, triggering several days of violence in the city. The man was sentenced to death; the execution is still pending. On 2-3 July, the PLO Central Council convened in Gaza and voted unanimously to declare a Palestinian state after the six-year transitional period ended on 13 September. Three days later the Palestinian leadership accepted President Clinton's invitation to a three-way summit in Camp David. On 9 July, the Israeli right-wing parties Yisrael B'aliyah and National Religious Party resigned from the Barak government over his offer of concessions to the Palestinians. While Bashar Al-Assad was officially inaugurated as President of Syria on 11 July, the Camp David summit began with a total press blackout; however, leaked reports indicated that Barak had offered the Palestinians autonomy for the Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and "religious sovereignty" over the Haram Ash-Sharif compound, as well as an exchange of territories surrounding the municipal limits. In the wake of this news, tens of thousands of Jewish settlers gathered in Tel Aviv protesting against the summit and on the West Bank Palestinians clashed with Israeli troops and settlers. On 19 July, Arafat rejected the Israeli proposals, demanding full sovereignty over East Jerusalem, stressing, "The Arab leader who would surrender Jerusalem is not born yet." Along the same line, Jerusalem Mufti Sheikh Ekrima Sabri issued a fatwa forbidding Palestinian refugees from accepting compensation in place of a return to their homes on the grounds that "all of Palestine is holy land" and "compensation would be regarded as selling the land and against Islam." On 21 July, the press reported that the US proposal included the following 'principles': the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state; no declaration of an 'end to the conflict' at this stage; Israeli withdrawal from 95% of the West Bank and annexation of the remainder in an exchange of territory; a safe passage 'bridge' between the West Bank and Gaza; a free passage from Bethlehem to Ramallah, and recognition of the "suffering" of the refugees, family unification for some of them, for others staged assimilation into the Palestinian state, compensation and rehabilitation via an international body. On Jerusalem the proposals foresaw Palestinian civil autonomy (Israeli security control) in and around the Old City (holy places under independent religious administration), a free passage to the Haram Ash-Sharif, greater autonomy for other Palestinian neighborhoods, and annexation of Ma'ale Adumim and Givat Ze'ev to Israel. However, the Camp David summit ended on 25 July without reaching an agreement. In a show of support for their leadership, Palestinians around the

globe observed a general strike from 12-2 p.m. to reaffirm their non-negotiable positions. Two days later Chairman Arafat and his delegation received a hero's welcome upon returning to Gaza. The next day, President Clinton angered the Palestinians as well as other Arabs when he praised PM Barak in an interview with Israeli TV for making "courageous" compromises, warned Arafat not to unilaterally declare statehood and promised to 'weigh' again the idea of transferring the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. At the end of the month, Chairman Arafat began a tour of Arab and European capitals to enlist support for the Palestinian positions.

In August, the sensitivity of the Jerusalem issue was more than once demonstrated. On 11 August hundreds of people marched in Jordan, demanding a holy war to liberate Jerusalem and calling on Muslims to rise up against the "Jewish enemy." On 13 August in Cairo, President Mubarak warned against an explosion of uncontrollable violence in the case of any concessions on Jerusalem, saying that no Arab leader would accept surrendering East Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque to Israel. On 20 August, the PLC in Ramallah stated unequivocally that there would be no peace deal with Israel without East Jerusalem. And on 28 August, Arab Foreign Ministers met in Agadir under the banner of the Jerusalem Islamic Conference, requested by Chairman Arafat to strengthen support regarding the future of Jerusalem. For the first time, a delegation from Christian churches participated. Also in August, Israeli undercover units made the headlines twice, first, on the 15th, when they "mistakenly" shot and killed the 73-year-old mukhtar of Surda near Ramallah, Mahmoud Abdullah; and again on the 27th, when three Israeli soldiers were killed and nine wounded by friendly fire during a disastrous failed attempt to raid the West Bank village of Assira Ash-Shamalia in a hunt for 'most wanted' Hamas leader Mahmoud Abu Hannoud, who managed to flee and hand himself in to PA police in nearby Nablus. Meanwhile on 20 August in Amman, Jordanian trade unions mobilized against normalization with Israel. Bad news for those who still believed in progress in the peace process were reports stating that the first quarter of 2000 saw an 81% increase in settlement construction. On 29 August, a meeting between Presidents Clinton and Mubarak in Cairo to prepare for another Israeli-Palestinian summit failed over the issue of Jerusalem.

September began with two positive events: the British Gas company began to search for natural gas on Gaza's northern shores and the Education Ministry, with the beginning of the new school year, finally launched the new Palestinian curriculum for grades 5 and 6. At the 6-7 September UN Millennium celebrations, Pres. Arafat stressed putting an end to the sufferings of the Palestinian refugees and pledged that there would be no flexibility with regard to Palestinian sovereignty on the Muslim and Christian shrines in Jerusalem. A few days later, on 10 September, the PLO Central Council again postponed declaring statehood in order to give the peace talks "another chance." The target date of 13 September passed unnoticed with Israel and the Palestinians having failed to achieve a final peace accord. On 15 September, some 70,000 Muslim demonstrators in Um Al-Fahm inside the Green Line pledged to defend Al-Aqsa Mosque. Over the next two days, the world saw thousands of people participating in 'Return Marches' in Washington and London calling for the Palestinian refugees' right of return. In Gaza, meanwhile, a demonstration commemorating the Sabra and Shatila Massacre escalated into two days of violence. Contributing to the overall tension of the situation was the publication, on 22 September, of the text of the Beilin-Abu Mazen agreement after five years of denial and concealment. Then, on the early morning of 28 September, Likud leader Ariel Sharon made his provocative visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque, with thousands of Israeli security forces deployed in and around the Old City. In the ensuing clashes with protesting Muslims, dozens of Palestinians were injured. After Friday prayers the next day, Israeli forces used excessive force against Palestinian worshippers at the site, triggering more clashes, leaving 5 Palestinians dead and over 160 injured, as well as igniting a widespread uprising in the Palestinian territories, inside Israel and the Arab World. Over the next days the Al-Aqsa Intifada, as it was quickly termed, saw many more Palestinian martyrs; with one of them - 12-year-old Mohammed Ad-Dura who was killed in his father arms - a symbol was born.

October saw more bloodshed and violence and the killing of Palestinians continued at an unprecedented pace; by the end of the month the death toll had reached over 150. For the first time Israel used anti-tank rockets and fired from helicopters - a method that would soon become all too familiar. Various international organizations arrived in the Palestinian territories to investigate the events and all pointed to Israel's indiscriminate use of force. While calls for the establishment of an international commission of enquiry as well as an international protection force increased, attempts were made to contain the new crisis before further escalation. On 4 October, Barak and Arafat met at the invitation of French President Chirac with US Secretary of State Albright in Paris, but the meeting concluded unsuccessfully after Israel refused to accept an international inquiry commission. Three days later, the UN Security Council passed Resolution 1322, deploring the violence and condemning "especially the excessive use of force against Palestinians." The same day, Hizbullah abducted three Israeli soldiers in South Lebanon and Barak issued a four-hour ultimatum for their release (the fate of the soldiers was still unknown by the end of the year). On 8 October, a Jewish mob attacked Arabs in Nazareth, among them MK Azmi Bishara; two Arabs were killed and dozens injured in the assault. Amidst continuous hostilities, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's arrival in the region and his attempts to negotiate an end to the violence were in vain. The situation further deteriorated when on 12 October a Palestinian mob, enraged by the brutal murder of a villager by Jewish settlers, killed two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah city and Israel reacted by bombing Gaza, Ramallah, and, later in the night Jericho and Nablus, destroying police headquarters, military bases, as well as TV and radio broadcasting towers. In another attempt to stop the situation from escalating, a summit was called at Sharm Esh-Sheikh on 16 October. It was attended by Arafat, Barak, Pres. Clinton, the UN's Kofi Anan, the EU's Javier Solana, King Abdullah and Pres. Mubarak, but also failed to bring the conflicting parties closer. Throughout the month, Palestinians under the age of 45 were barred from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque and denied their right to worship while new reports about the deteriorating situation of all sectors - economy, employment, health etc. - continuously hit the news. In the light of such events, PM Barak announced on 21 October that Israel was to take a "time out from the peace process" and called for an emergency unity government with the Likud. Meanwhile in Cairo, an Arab League emergency summit convened (21-22 October), which allocated US\$1 billion in funds to support the Palestinian people, and called for a UN-led "international war crimes tribunal" to investigate Israeli actions as well as for a UN presence in the territories, and advocated ending all steps toward normalization of relations with Israel. Over the following days Tunisia, Oman and Morocco announced their severing of ties with Israel and closed their representations in Tel Aviv. The month ended with the US Congress showing support for Israel by condemning the Palestinians for the current confrontations and calling on President Arafat to stop the violence.

At the beginning of November Regional Cooperation Minister Shimon Peres launched yet another attempt to stop the Intifada and met with President Arafat in Gaza to discuss terms for a cease-fire. On 9 November President Arafat traveled to Washington to discuss Clinton's "bridging proposals" but with no result. On the West Bank, meanwhile, Israeli units assassinated Fateh-Tanzim activist Hussein Abayat in Beit Sahour, firing at his car from a helicopter, also killing two female bystanders. This was the first in a series of political assassinations of Palestinians to come (two days later, Hamas activist Ibrahim Bani Odeh, 34, from Nablus was killed, on 22 November four Tanzim activists in the Gaza Strip). On 12 November, Israeli settlers attacked UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNCHR), Mary Robinson in Hebron, while on a tour to investigate Israeli human rights violations. At the same time, the 9th OIC summit convened in Doha preceded by the Qatari government's closure of Israel's representation, and condemnation of Israeli atrocities, demanding international protection for the Palestinian people. On 14 November in London, the UN's Kofi Annan tried to launch a new initiative to restart the peace process, proposing an international 'peace summit' chaired by the UN and attended by the US, EU, Russia, China, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and possibly Saudi Arabia. With 15 November, yet another

target day for the announcement of the declaration of the independent Palestinian state passed unobserved. A growing anti-Israel sentiment in the region became evident on 19 November, when unions and associations in Jordan published a blacklist of people and companies that had refused to sever their "normalization" ties with Israel. On 20 November the situation worsened once more when Israel, in retaliation for a bomb attack on a settler school bus in Gaza, which left two Israelis killed and 12 injured, destroyed dozens of dunums of cultivated land, farms and homes with bulldozers and missiles. In protest at this aggression, President Mubarak recalled Egypt's Ambassador to Israel Mohammed Bassiouny the next day. On 22 November a car bomb detonated in Hadera, killing two Israelis and injuring over 50. A new attempt to calm the situation down was made when GSS Chief Avi Dichter and head of Preventive Security Service in Gaza, Mohammed Dahlan, met in Cairo on 26 November to discuss renewing security coordination between the two sides. That same night, five Palestinians were killed in cold blood by Israeli soldiers who opened fire at them near Qalqilya. Over the next two days the Knesset voted in favor of a bill aimed at blocking the return of Palestinian refugees to Israeli territory as well as changes to Jerusalem municipal boundaries by requiring an absolute majority. The month ended with saddening statistics released by UNICEF, according to which 97 Palestinian children had been killed in clashes with the Israeli army since 28 September, and over 4,000 were injured.

On 1 December the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution calling Israel's imposition of "its laws, jurisdiction and administration" on Jerusalem illegal. The facts on the ground were that only some 20,000 Palestinians were allowed to pray on the first Friday of the holy month of Ramadan in Al-Aqsa Mosque while an estimated one quarter of a million others were prevented from even entering the city. Also at the beginning of December the Israeli-imposed curfew on Palestinians in Hebron's Old City entered its third month, the Jordanian Parliament in Amman discussed a memorandum calling for canceling the peace agreement with Israel, and a Peace Now study on the Oslo period showed that settlement housing had grown 52.49% and the settler population about 70% since 1993. On 5 December, in separate statements, US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk and UN Middle East peace envoy Terje Larson warned of a regional war if the current situation continued. On 8 December, four Palestinian security forces and a civilian were assassinated in the Jenin area, leading to more violent clashes throughout the Palestinian territories; two days later another Fateh activist fell victim to an Israeli assassination. On 10 December, former PM Benjamin Netanyahu announced his decision to stand for the post of PM, while the Labor Party nominated once more Ehud Barak as their candidate. The next day, the international fact-finding commission, headed by Ex-Senator George Mitchell, arrived in the country amidst more assassinations, as Israel killed an Islamic Jihad activist from Arabbeh and a Tanzim member from Al-Khader village, followed - over the next few days - by two Hamas activists from Hebron and Gaza as well as two Fateh activists from Qalandia and Nur Shams camps. On 18 December, disappointment prevailed as the Palestinian demand for a UN observer force was defeated in the Security Council. The next day, as a new round of negotiations began in Washington, the Knesset voted against the bill to dissolve itself and Sharon was formally declared the Likud's candidate for premiership. The month - and the year - ended as violently as had become typical over the past 12 weeks; with two explosions on a bus in Tel Aviv and a car in Netanya leaving dozens of people injured and yet another political assassination, this time of senior Fateh official Dr. Thabet Thabet near Tulkarem, that almost coincided with the killing of right-wing extremist Binyamin Kahane, son of the slain anti-Arab Rabbi and founder of the meanwhile outlawed Kach movement Meir Kahane near the Ofra settlement. With uncertainty cast over the future of the peace process, mourning hundreds of dead and many more injured, under tight siege, facing Israeli tanks, troops and checkpoints, the Palestinian people awaited a new year.

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Research
Studies**Introduction**

Since its foundation in 1987, PASSIA has implemented an annual Research Studies Program and has accumulated over twelve years of experience in academic research, documentation, and publishing. Under the auspices of this program, PASSIA commissions a number of researchers each year to conduct studies within the context of academic freedom. The contracted researchers and authors of PASSIA publications throughout the years have been as diverse as the subjects covered and have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts. They are not necessarily affiliated with PASSIA.

In its effort 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 strives to ensure that research undertaken under its auspices be specialized, scientific and objective. To date, PASSIA has published over 130 different studies and monographs - in English and/or Arabic - on a huge diversity of subjects relevant to the Palestine Question, which often discuss controversial or rarely addressed issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives. PASSIA publications, which also include seminar proceedings, are widely distributed both locally and internationally.

PASSIA is proud to be able to say that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in the Palestinian issue, the field of international affairs, and developments in the Middle East.

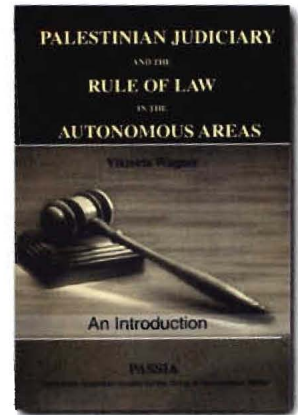
In 2000, PASSIA published the following studies and essays (information on publications printed under PASSIA projects other than the Research Studies Program are listed in the respective chapters, e.g., Jerusalem, Seminars):

Palestinian Judiciary and the Rule of Law in the Autonomous Areas - An Introduction

by Victoria Wagner

November 2000 (English, pp. 156)

This book delves into the multi-layered Palestinian legal system, examining the multiple historical sources of legislation and judicial procedures as well as the complications that have developed as a result of the various political and military restrictions placed upon the Palestinian judiciary and its practitioners. Wagner explores the impact of the Oslo accords and Israeli/Palestinian relations on the ability and willingness of the Palestinian Authority



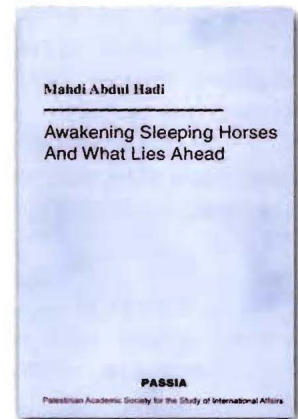
to create and enforce a body of domestic law suitable for the foundation of a modern state. Addressing political, cultural and historical factors, the book looks into the implementation of a body of legislation and the means by which that body has been interpreted and adapted over the course of time and under the influence of foreign rule. Based on in-depth research and interviews with leading Palestinian legal practitioners, educators and monitors, the book provides a valuable source of information regarding the past, present and future of the Palestinian legal system. Due to its straightforward presentation of what is often the bewildering realm of legal practice, the book remains accessible as an introduction to the subject without falling short of the depth and analysis necessary for fuller treatment of such a topic.

Awakening Sleeping Horses

by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

November 2000 (English, pp. 24)

This booklet was published against the backdrop of the 'Al-Aqsa Intifada' as an attempt to analyze the July 2000 Camp David summit, which preceded it. The essay, by Head of PASSIA, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi assesses from the point of view of an independent Palestinian academic, the internal political dynamics of the two sides and the resultant clashes. Dr. Abdul Hadi



examines the underlying tensions within the Palestinian leadership and political groupings and points to the factors effecting their support or rejection by the Palestinian public. The booklet offers an overview of the present power struggle in Israeli politics before surveying the themes surrounding the continuing violence in the occupied territories and asking if the 'Lebanonization' of the conflict will prevail.

3

Dialogue Program

Over the past 13 years, PASSIA has earned a reputation for providing a forum for dialogue and serving as a catalyst for civic dialogue and intercultural understanding. Central to these efforts has been the presentation and analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches. Through the Meetings Program, PASSIA strives to promote both free expression within Palestinian society and foster a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, be they in the domestic or international context. Speakers 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, as well as representatives of political factions and from the diplomatic corps are brought together as a means of broadening the scope of expertise and wealth of opinion. 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 Meetings 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 differing 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 adding to a relationship which helps build further bridges between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.

PASSIA Forum: In 1999, owing to limitations of space at its premises, PASSIA set up a new forum for political discussion by organizing a series of 'public lectures' involving particularly significant speakers and/or topics. Forums have taken place at the Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem, attended by a guest speaker or speakers, one or two discussants and an invited audience of 80-120 people.

In the following, meetings held in 2000 at PASSIA (unless otherwise indicated) are listed; details are presented in the following order: date; topic; speaker/visitor; participants. (For additional PASSIA Meetings see chapters on Jerusalem and on the Religious Studies Unit).

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some of the meetings below can be found at PASSIA's website www.passia.org.

Roundtable Meetings

25 March 2000, PASSIA

What's at Stake in Calling the Model Parliament 'Elitist'? - Palestinian Feminism and National Reconstruction after Oslo

Speaker: Dr. Debbie Gordon, Associate Professor, Center for Women's Studies, Wichita State University

Participants: Doris Salah, Amneh Badran, Lina Majaj, Sara Hamouda, Sabri Saidam, Sophie Shiber, Martha Myers, Dr. Eli Dibs, Anna Bartels, Muriel Asseburg, Nidal Rafa, Nahed Abu Asbeh, Rima Tarazi, Nahla Dibs, Deniz Altayli.

18 April 2000, PASSIA

Democracy from the Ground Up: A Case Study of Popular Mobilization in Palestinian Society

Speaker: Dr. Orayb Najjar, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Northern Illinois University, US

Participants: Lucas Welch, Birzeit Media Resource Center; Hazem Kawasmi, PALVEST Business Services; Nora Carmi, Coordinator International Programs, Sabeel; Ibrahim Bisharat, USAID; Michel Bahbah, Director of Patients; Services, Augusta Victoria Hospital; Ute Benck, Researcher, LAW; Azzam Abu Saud, Director, Chamber of Commerce; Susan Heher, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Bessan Al-Shonnar, Engineer, Ministry of Public Works; Amira Barham, Director, The Old City Counseling Center; Yasser Abu Khater, Legal Advisor, Ministry of NGOs' Affairs; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

30 May 2000, PASSIA

Bi-Nationalism - Parameters for Success or Failure

Speaker: Dr. Susan Hattis Rolef, Political Scientist, Israel

Participants: Martha Myers Helga Baumgarten, Rachel Beer, Dimitri Diliiani, Ahmad El-Khatib, Ibrahim Dakkak, Lucy Nusseibeh, Georges Whalem, Safa' Abu Assab, Muriel Asseburg, Matthes Buhbe, Baerbel Stark, Khaled Abdel Fadil, Deniz Altayli.

1 June 2000, PASSIA

Conflict Resolution: Case Studies

Speaker: Dr. William Ury, Negotiation consultant, mediator and facilitator in conflicts, co-author of "Getting to Yes"

Participants: Imad Younis, Bessan Shonnar, Aktham Jadallah, Samar Barghouthy, Suzan Nammari, Pat Kabra, Jamal Nusseibeh, Hamed Qawa smeh, Inas Abu Asab, Safa Abu Asab, Marwan Darweish, Maher Freijat, Michel Bahbah, Deniz Altayli.

14 August 2000, PASSIA

Israeli-Palestinians Relations and the Culture of Peace

Participants: Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramallah; Dr. Daniel Doron, Israeli Center for Social and Economic Progress, Mevasseret Zion; Hillel Halkin, Journalist.

5 September 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Refugees and the Right to Return: A View from the Diaspora.

Speaker: Dr. Mohammed Hallaj, member of the Palestinian National Council, Washington, DC
Participants: Dr. and Mrs. Elie Dibsy, Samar Khoury, Anita Vitullo, Kristen Enstad, Freir Pedersen, Robin Kealy, Nahla Asali, Walid Asali, Saji Khalil, Asif Khan, Joanne Adamson, Nedjma Koval, Rabiha Nabolsi, Manuel Salazar, Kimery Shahin, Deniz Altayli.

23 September 2000, PASSIA, Ramallah

NGO French Solidarity with Palestinian People

Speaker: Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, MIFTAH (on Jerusalem); Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA (on Jerusalem; moderation) Dr. Salim Tamari, Institute of Jerusalem Studies (on Refugees); Ghassan Khatib, JMCC (on Settlements); Jamal Zakout, FIDA (on Gaza); Izzat Abdul Hadi, Bisan Center (on Civil Society); Jamil Rabah (on Borders and Security).

Participants: Isabelle Avran, Laurence Lieutaud, and Emmanuelle Bennani from the French NGO's Platform; Orsoni Pierre Alexandre, Association Medicale.

26 September 2000, PASSIA

The Palestinian Refugee Question: Views from Jordan

Speaker: Rami Khouri; Journalist, Political Commentator and Archaeological Writer, Amman
Participants: Nadege Nicolet, Dr. Elie Dibsy, Saman Khoury, Anita Vitulb, Barbara Meyer, Katharina Notzold, Ros Young, Dr. Jorg Bremer, Adin Talbar, Joanne Adamson, Safa' Abu Assab, Magnus Cedergren, John Vinterhan, Ulla Vinterhan, Deniz Altayli.

Briefings

11 January 2000, PASSIA

The EU and the Peace Process

Participants: HE Leo D'aes, Consul General of Belgium, Jerusalem

14 January 2000, working breakfast, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Assessment of the Peace Process

Participants: Hermann Grohe, CDU/CSU - Bundestagsfraktion (MP); Dr. Horst Freitag, Head, Representative Office of Germany to the PA; Henning Niederhoff, Representative of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Ramallah

19 January 2000, PASSIA

Assessment on the Peace Process

Participants: HE Robin Kealy, Consul General, British Consulate, Jerusalem

26 January 2000, PASSIA

The Question of a Palestinian Constitution and Future Political Elections

Participants: HE Johannes Koskinen, Minister of Justice, Finland; Jarno Syrjala, Representative of Finland to the Palestinian Authority; Mikael Jungner, Special Advisor to the Minister

31 January 2000, Working Lunch, Residence of the Canadian Representative, Jerusalem

Human Security: Safety for People in a Changing World

Participants: Ms. Jill Sinclair, Director General of Human Affairs of Canada; Mr. Don Sinclair, Director, Middle East Relations Division; Tim Martin, Head of Representative Office of Canada, Ramallah; Hanan Ashrawi, Head of MIFTAH

1 February 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Society

Participants: Elinor Hammarskjold, Swedish Consul, Jerusalem

1 February 2000, PASSIA

The Peace Process

Participants: Egyptian Consul General, HE Sharif Lutfi, Tel Aviv

2 February 2000, PASSIA

Middle East: 5-10 Years from Now

Participants: Karin Roxman, EU, Brussels

6 February 2000, Working Dinner, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

The Media in Palestine

Participants: Prof. Dieter Stolte, General Director, German Television ZDF, Dr. Frank-Dieter Freiling, International Program Coordination; Dr. Burckhard Blanke, Resident Representative in the Palestinian Autonomy and Israel

7 February 2000, PASSIA

The Crisis in the Negotiation

Participants: Ryland Paulsen, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

10 February 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process

Participants: Rachel Beer, US Consulate, Jerusalem; with a delegation from the US State Department

10 February 2000, PASSIA

The Situation in the Palestinian Territories

Participants: Dagmar Schmidt, MP, German Bundestag; Dr. Matthes Buhbe, FES, Jerusalem

20 February 2000, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

NGOs in Palestine

Participants: HE Johannes Rau, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, and accompanying delegation; Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Secretary General, MIFTAH; Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramallah; Khader Shkeirat, Director, LAW

21 February 2000, Working lunch, Spanish Consulate, Jerusalem

PASSIA's Activities and the Situation in the Palestinian Territories

Participants: HE Manuel Salazar, Spanish Consul General, and Ramon Molina, Spanish Consulate, Jerusalem

22 February 2000, PASSIA

MOPIC's Diplomatic Training Unit and possible areas of future cooperation

Participants: Rezeq Al-Zaanin, Director, Diplomatic Training Unit (DTU), Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC); David Tatham, Consultant; Rania Abu Hummos, Program Coordinator, DTU-MOPIC; Sawsan Baghdadi, PASSIA

23 February 2000, PASSIA

General Situation in Palestine

Participants: Catharina Kipp, Swedish Consul General, Jerusalem; Elinor Hammarskjold, Swedish Consulate

25 February 2000, Sainte Anne Church, Old City of Jerusalem

Meeting with French Prime Minister HE Lionel Jospin and the accompanying delegation

French participants: HE Hubert Vedrine, Minister of Foreign Affairs; HE Christian Sautter, Minister of Finance and Industry; HE Jean Claude Gayssot, Minister of Transportation and Housing; Pierre Moscovici, Minister of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Europe File; HE Denis Pietton, Consul General of France, Jerusalem; Jean Ripert, Diplomatic Consular of the Prime Minister; Marie Bertin, Consultant, Prime Ministry for Media and Communication; François Nicoullaud, Director General, International Relations and Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Yves Aubin de la Messuzieres, Director of Africa and Middle East Department;

Phillipe Delleur, Director of Service at the Department of Economic Relations at the Ministry of Finance and Industry; Nada Yafi, Translator.

Participants: Faisal Hussein; Hanan Ashrawi; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi; Ghassan Al-Khatib; Hatem Abdul Qader; Ahmad Hashem Al-Zughayar; Dr. Manuel Hassassian; Dr. Ahmad Maslamani; Dr. Mohammed Jadallah.

27 February 2000, PASSIA

The Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations

Participants: HE Ahmed Sharif, the Egyptian Consul General, Tel Aviv

28 February 2000, PASSIA

The Political Situation in Palestine

Participants: Ghulam Hoosein Asmal, Deputy Director Levant, Middle East, Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of South Africa

3 March 2000, Al-Bireh

Meeting in memory of Mrs. Samiha Al-Qubaj Salameh Khalil (Um Khalil), Founder of In'ash Al-Usra Society.

Attended by: Ms. Sana Shanak, PASSIA

3 March 2000, USAID West Bank-Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv Office

Briefing by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi on Palestinian Domestic Politics and the Peace Process.

Participants: USAID West Bank-Gaza Mission Staff

15 March 2000, PASSIA

The Rule of Law in Palestine

Participants: HE Freih Abu Meddein, Minister of Justice, Palestinian Authority

20 March 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations

Participants: F. George Gause, III, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Vermont, US, and Director of the University's Middle East Studies Program

25 March 2000, PASSIA

Introduction to the Palestinian Question

Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA

Participants: Visiting delegation of young journalists from the Anti-Defamation League, Germany: Dr. Ralf Melzer, Director, Berlin; Ruth Jung, Ruth Kiner, P. Roger Gehardy, Adrian Winhelman, Simone Schlegel, Verena Golkel, Valentin Ositha, Nadine Loesans, Michael Dobis, Marian Steffen, Miriam Milashut, Tina Roth.

30 March 2000, Al-Sawahreh Al-Sharqiyeh Youth Club

The Current Political Situation and the Importance of Strengthening the Feeling of Belonging Towards the Palestinian Land and the Palestinian Cause among the Palestinian Youth

Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA

Participants: Young people from Al-Sawahreh Al-Sharqiyeh village, Jerusalem.

30 March 2000, PASSIA

Briefing for a visiting SPD parliamentary group on the Peace Process

Participants: Dr. Peter Struck, Chairman, SPD parliamentary group in the German Bundestag; Eberhard Brecht, Member of the German Bundestag (MGB); Karin Kortmann, MGB; Dr. Horst Freitag, Head of the German Representative Office; Gunter Gloser, MGB; Brigitte Heidinger, SPD; Norbert Bicher, SPD; Juergen Schnappertz, SPD; Horan Knaup, Journalist; Gunnar Reichenbach, Journalist; Thomas Wiegold; Dr. Matthes Buhbe, Director, FES; Muriel Asseburg, FES; Muatasem Al-Ashhab, Interpreter; Adnan Hussein, Islamic Waqf; Dr. Said Zeedani, Al-Quds University.



30 March 2000, Addar Suite Hotel, Jerusalem

The Peace Process and the Future Palestinian State

Meeting on the occasion of the Visit of Mr. Mark Mallock Brown, General Director, UNDP to Palestine

Participants: Dr. Emile Jarjou'i, PLC Member; Dr. Hasan Abu Libdeh, PCBS; Mr. Ibrahim Dakak, Jerusalem; Dr. Ahmad Subeh, MOPIC; Rula Dajani, MIFTAH.

1 April 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Refugees

Participants: Dr. Nitzza Nachmias, Political Analyst and Fellow at the Jewish-Arab Center at Haifa University, Department of Political Science, University of Haifa

5 April 2000, PASSIA

South Africa-Palestine Relations

Participants: Dr. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director of Studies, South African Institute of International Affairs

5 April 2000, PASSIA

Will there be a Declaration of the Palestinian State in September 2000?

Participants: Greg Shapland, British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

10 April 2000, Orient House, Jerusalem

Palestinian Refugees

Meeting on the occasion of the visit of Senator HE Pierre de Bane and the Canadian Prime Minister's Delegation

Participants: John Menee, Director General, Middle East and North Africa Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; HE Tim Martin, Head of the Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah; Faisal Hussein, PLO Executive Committee Member, Jerusalem; Ghassan Khatib, Director, JMCC; Doris Salah, YWCA; and Ahmad Hashem Zughayar, Hatem Abdul Qader, and Ahmad Batsh, PLC members, Jerusalem.

12 April 2000, Rocky Hotel, Ramallah

USAID/Partners Meeting

Participants: Representatives of USAID-funded Civil Society Organizations

Organized by: United States Agency for International Development - West Bank and Gaza Mission

15 April 2000, PASSIA

The Rule of Law in Palestine

Participants: HE Freih Abu Meddein, Minister of Justice, Palestinian Authority

17 April 2000, Residence of the Netherlands Representative

The Hague-Bethlehem Partnership

Participants: Drs. W.J. Deetman, Mayor, City of The Hague; Rene Ch. Aquarone, The Netherlands Representative to the PA, Ramallah; Hana Naser, Mayor of Bethlehem.

Organized by: Representative Office of the Kingdom of The Netherlands

18 April 2000

Portuguese-Palestinian Relations

Participants: HE Jorje de Carvalho, Head of the Portuguese Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority, Ramallah

18 April 2000, PASSIA

Final Status Issues

Participants: HE Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv

24 April 2000, Orient House, Jerusalem

Meeting on the occasion of the visit of the Mr. Cyril E. Ndeble, Speaker of the Zimbabwean Parliament and the accompanying delegation

Participants: Faisal Hussein, PLO Executive Committee, Jerusalem; Ahmad Al-Zughayar, PLC Member, Jerusalem; Hatem Abdel Qader, PLC Member, Jerusalem.

2 May 2000, PASSIA

A Palestinian Perspective on PA-Civil Society Relations and the Peace Process

Participants: International Labor Office Delegation, Geneva: Tayo Fashoyin, Officer in Charge, ILO; Sandrine Cazes, Labor Market Economist, ILO; Jean-Michel Servais, ILO; Khaled Doudine, ILO Coordinator

6 May 2000, PASSIA

The Future of the Third Way - A New Political Party

Participants: Rakad Salem, General Secretary, Arab Liberation Front; Hussein Rahal, PNC Member, Arab Liberation Front

10 May 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Civil Society: Where to?

Participants: Eric Rouleau, French journalist; Alia Arasoughly, Sociologist of Culture; Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Al-Quds University

24 May 2000, PASSIA

US-Palestinian Cultural Affairs

Participants: Patricia Kabra, Cultural Affairs Officer, US Consulate, Suzan Qaryouti-Nammari, Cultural Affairs Specialist, US Consulate

25 May 2000, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem

Canadian-Palestinian Relations

Participants: The Honorable Mr. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada and his accompanying parliamentary delegation; Faisal Hussein, Ziad Abu Zayyad, Abla Nasser

5 June 2000, PASSIA

Exchanging Views on Political Developments: PA, Israel and the Negotiations

Participants: German TV Journalists (ZDF): Frank Freiling, Marie Heine, Christen Haas, Michael Bauer, Nicolei Tewes, Tina Fuchs, Ute Schumacher, Ralf Eibl, Bjojn Boer, Andrienne Woltersdorf

6 June 2000, PASSIA

The Palestinian Constitution: Drafts, Documents and Information Papers

Participants: Dr. Khaled Erekat, General Director of Diplomatic Studies and Coordination with the PLC, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

7 June 2000, PASSIA

Israeli Government Coalition Crises and Its Impact on the Peace Process

Participants: Nicolas Lang, Deputy Head, Representative Office of Switzerland, Ramallah

9 June 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian NGOs

Participants: Lillian Peters, Representative, Quakers Middle East, Amman

13 June 2000, PASSIA

German Middle East Policy and the Berlin Declaration of the EU.

A Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process.

Participants: Dr. Horst Freitag, Head of the German Representative Office; Martin Weiss; Gernot Erler; Muriel Asseburg; Maria Jegal; Dorothea Rischowski.

22 June 2000, PASSIA

The European Parliament and the Peace Process

Participants: Per Gahrton, Member of European Parliament, Brussels

29 June 2000, PASSIA

A Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process

Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA

Participants: A visiting delegation of 15 students from the Columbus State University: Rajgopal Sashti, Angela Dirig, Sallie R. Duhling, Donna L. Kimzey, Florence Ferguson, Philip Washington, David A. Ludley, Elena B. Odio, Amy L. Reeder, Sukanya Senapati, Donald Housend, Patricia Khazaeli, Annie Lynch, Kenneth Paulk, Rita Robinzine.

29 June 2000, PASSIA

The Peace Process

Participants: Eija Rotinen, Head of the Representative office of Finland.

2 July 2000, PASSIA

A Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process

Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA

Participants: Members of the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education: Maria Hetherton, Fred Johnson, Patricia Reynolds, Margaret Walding, Kirk Effinger, Ed Snow, John Sakalouckas, Dick Snyder, Susan McNamee, D. Shaffer, John Murphy, Dianne Snyder, Dean Easton, Leslie Tomasini, Karen Talus, Jeffrey Daigle, Jesse Mase, Richard Lindseh, Sandra Theunil, Linda Coffman, Kari Wimbish, Maryann Coffey, Ric Rogers, Sheilah Rogers, Michael Davis, Robert Lennox, Barbara Leighton.

3 July 2000, PASSIA

European-Palestinian Relations

Participants: Jean Bréteché, Representative of the European Commission Representation, Jerusalem; Isabel Candela, European Commission Representation.

13 July 2000, PASSIA

Civil Society in Palestine

Participants: Michael Morfit, Vice-President, Governance and Public Sector Management, Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI), US

16 July 2000, PASSIA

The EU and the Peace Process

Participants: Ina Koopman, Financial and Project Manager, and Kerstin Roeske, Program Manager, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Brussels

24 July 2000, PASSIA

Iranian-Palestinian Relations

Participants: Dr. Mehrdad Khonsari, Senior Research Consultant, Center for Arab and Iranian Studies

27 July 2000, PASSIA

Civil Society and the Peace Process After Camp David II

Participants: Asif Khan, Regional Affairs Officer, UNSCO, Gaza

31 July 2000, PASSIA

Future Elections in Palestine - Problems and Prospects

Participants: Dr. Marin Abu, Head, Romanian Representative Office, Ramallah

1 August 2000, PASSIA

Japan and the Palestinian Civil Society

Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi, Head of the Japanese Representative Office to the PA

14 August 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian NGOs and the Peres Center for Peace

Participants: Amos Ron, Peres Center for Peace

15 August 2000, PASSIA

The Peace Process

Participants: Rachel Blanch, British Consulate, Jerusalem

24 August 2000, PASSIA

Camp David Negotiations

Participants: HE Robin Kealy, British Consul General, Jerusalem

9 September 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian-Georgian Case in Transition

Participants: HE Paata Kalandadze, Consul of Georgia, Tel Aviv

14 September 2000, PASSIA

The Palestinian State Declaration

Participants: HE Jorge de Carvalho, Head, Portuguese Representative Office, Al-Bireh

16 September 2000, PASSIA

Peres Peace Center and the Palestinians

Participants: HE David Berger, former Canadian Ambassador to Israel

19 September 2000, PASSIA

Japanese-Palestinian Relations

Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi, Head of the Japanese Representative Office to the PA

23 September 2000, PASSIA

Camp David Maps

Participants: Larry Collins, the Author of "O Jerusalem"

5 October 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: Asif Khan, Regional Affairs Officer, UNSCO, Gaza

6 October 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv

6 October 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: HE Denis Pietton, Consul General; Michel Prom and Christian Nakleh, French Consulate, Jerusalem

19 October 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada: Causes and Consequences

Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi, Head of the Japanese Representative Office to the PA, Gaza

26 October 2000, PASSIA

The Arab League Summit, 21-22 October 2000

Participants: Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Egyptian Consul, Tel Aviv

30 October 2000, PASSIA

The Current Situation (Intifada in the Palestinian Territories)

Participants: Susan Heher, South African Representative Office, Ramallah

30 October 2000, PASSIA

The Current Situation and International Protection for the Palestinians

Participants: Tim Martin, Head, Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah; Stephen L. Bennett, Senior Analyst, Middle East Intelligence Assessment Sec., Canadian Government

4 November 2000, PASSIA

The Romanian Elections

Participants: Dr. Marin Albu, Head of the Romanian Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

6 November 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian-Brazilian Relations

Participants: Ligia Maria Scherer-Counselor, Brazilian Embassy, Tel Aviv

8 November 2000, PASSIA

A Palestinian Perspective on the American Elections

Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi and Takeshi Okabo, Japanese Representative Office to the PA, Gaza

9 November 2000, PASSIA

The American Elections and the Conflict in the Middle East

Participants: Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Consul General, Egyptian Embassy, Tel Aviv

12 November 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada and the Current Situation

Participants: Hanlie Booysen, South African Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

16 November 2000, PASSIA

Europe's Position vis-a-vis the Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: Eija Rotinen, Head of the Finnish Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

20 November 2000, PASSIA

Assessment of the Current Situation in Palestine

Participants: Jorge de Carvalho, Head of the Portuguese Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

17 November 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian Security Needs

Participants: Mr. Hosinger, Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Ankara, Turkey

25 November 2000, Askadinya Restaurant, Jerusalem

Working Lunch: The Current Intifada: Where is it Leading to?

Participants: HE Robin Kealy, British Consul General, Jerusalem; HE Ronald Schlicher, American Consul General, Jerusalem; Donald Anderson, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, London, and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson

27 November 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian-Arab Relations

Participants: Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Egyptian Consul General, Tel Aviv

28 November 2000, PASSIA

Diplomatic Efforts to Resume the Peace Process

Participants: Takeshi Okubo, Head of the Japanese Representative Office to the PA, Gaza

29 November 2000, PASSIA

A Palestinian Perspective on the Early Israeli Elections

Participants: Nicolas Lang, Deputy for Political Affairs, Swiss Representative Office to the PA, Ramallah

6 December 2000, PASSIA

Geographic Separation and a Future Palestinian State

Participants: Michael Baumann, Counselor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Tel Aviv

6 December 2000, PASSIA

Palestinian-Israeli Geographic Separation and Its Implications

Participants: Tae-Sik Lee, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea, Tel Aviv

6 December 2000, PASSIA

The Donors' Role in the Current Political Situation

Participants: Larry Garber, Director of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv

8 December 2000, EU Commission, Jerusalem

The European Position vis-à-vis the Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: Jean Bréteché, Head of the EU Commission Representative Office to the PA, Jerusalem

PASSIA Forum

17 April 2000, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Pinpointing Palestinian Planning Imperatives for Arab Jerusalem

Speaker: Jan de Jong, Geographer and Land Planning Expert, Amsterdam.

Participants: Approx. 100 people



11 September 2000, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

Palestinian Statehood - Where to?

Speakers: Amb. Richard Murphy, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, and Chairman of the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC; former US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, HE Denis Pietton, French Consul General, Jerusalem; HE Robin Kealy, British Consul General, Jerusalem; Dr. Matthes Buhbe, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Jerusalem
Participants: Approx. 120 people



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*The Question
of Jerusalem***Introduction**

As Jerusalem has been and will continue to be at the core of the Palestine Question, it is also a primary focus of PASSIA's activities. Being located in East Jerusalem, PASSIA experiences first-hand the impact that Israeli policies and practices in the city have on the activities of the city's Palestinian institutions, the life of the Palestinian people, and their relations with the rest of the Palestinian Territories.

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. These speakers have stimulated dialogue and debate on the Question of Jerusalem.

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 the Israeli Municipality, and future scenarios for the status of the city.

Besides hosting meetings, PASSIA's projects on the Question of Jerusalem include academic research, documentation, publication and cooperation with other institutions to increase both awareness and knowledge concerning the various aspects of the Holy City. A special pilot project entitled Arab Jerusalem Neighborhoods: Resource and Planning Database was also completed in 2000.

MEETINGS ON JERUSALEM

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of PASSIA.

The summary or full text of some of the meetings below can be found at PASSIA's website www.passia.org.

10 January 2000, PASSIA

The Question of Jerusalem

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

Participants: Dr. Yehuda Lukacs, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, with a group of students (Susan Silverman, American University; Mane Horigan, Washington University; Laura DeFvaia, George Mason University; Angela Yarian, George Mason University; Tia Wheeler, Peace Operations; Porthy Marschok, participant in Dialogue Process).

17 January 2000, PASSIA

The Question of Jerusalem and the Peace Process

Participants: HE Geir Pedersen, Head of Representative Office of Norway, Ramallah; Dr. Trond Bakkevig, Oslo Church.

30 January 2000, PASSIA

Palestinians in Jerusalem from 'Self-Rule' to Sovereignty?

Speaker: Dr. Menahem Klein, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Discussant: Dr. Meron Benvenisti, Author, Jerusalem

Participants: Matthes Buhbe, Samia Khoury, Rachel Beer, Torgeir Larsen, Gerard Russell, Jaue Cafrury, Laura Chayves, Pere Vilanova, Azzam Abu Saud, Walid Salem, Khalid Abdel-Fadil, Ahmed Mashal, Dietmar Schulz, Helga Baumgarten, Sam'an Khoury, Albert Aghazarian, Deniz Altayli.



25 February 2000, working dinner, British Consulate Residence, Jerusalem

On Jerusalem

Participants: HE Robin Kealy, British Consulate General, Jerusalem, and Mrs. Annabel Kealy

11 March 2000, PASSIA

Jerusalem and the Declaration of a Palestinian State

Participants: Ligia Maria Scherer, Counselor, Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Tel Aviv

15 March 2000, working lunch at the Spanish Consulate, Jerusalem

The Question of Jerusalem and the Final Status Talks

Participants: Former Foreign Minister of Spain; HE Manuel Salazar, Spanish Consul General, and his staff; HE Freih Abu Meddein, Minister of Justice, Palestinian Authority

22 March 2000, PASSIA

Jerusalem's Geography in History

Participants: Dr. Othman Sharkas, Department of Geography, Birzeit University; Dr. Hamad Hussein, Department of History, Birzeit University

29 March 2000, PASSIA

Jerusalem and the Peace Process

Participants: Keith Weissman, Deputy Director, Foreign Policy Issues, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Washington DC

1 April 2000, PASSIA

Jerusalem - A Palestinian Perspective

Participants: Group of 17 Israeli university students (Shai Hadad; Irit Milosserdov; Katy Sadehikova; Labunsky Alis; Zacharya Tagar; Sharona Zomer; Yuval Ben Bashat; Igor Lebenbaum; Hezi Barazani; Adina Mandel; Galia Mandel; Tomot Schok; Adva Rodogovesky; Shiri Sidi; Gil Ochayon; Libfold Zali); and Halim Abu Shamsiyeh, Orient House, Jerusalem

19 April 2000, PASSIA

Japanese Position on the Question of Jerusalem

Participants: Katsuyoshi Hayashi, Japanese Representative Office, Gaza

22 May 2000, PASSIA

The Question of Coexistence in a Shared Jerusalem

Lecture by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

Participants: Students from the University College London (Fiona McMurray, Helen Russell, Maria Georgistopoulou, Donatella Brapic; and Michael Safier, Director-DPU.)

15 June 2000, PASSIA

Jerusalem's Built Heritage: The City's Architecture: Periods and Styles

Speaker: David Kroyanker, Architect and Town Planner, Jerusalem

Participants: Manuel Salazar-Consul General of Spain; Leo D'aes, Consul General of Belgium; Samir Kirrish, Olliver Heinemann, Hanswolf Bloedhorn, Sibylle Vogelmann, Malk Vogelmann, Naava Mashiah, Khaled Abdel Fadil, Ibrahim Dakkak, Isam Awwad, Azam Abu Soud, Fouad Dakkak, Khaled Jamjoeem, Hani Abu Diab, Hussam Al-Ashhab, Adnan Hussein, Ehab Zuheika, Irmgard Wust, Sidonie Wolpert, Mohammed Jabr, Omar Yusef.

28 June 2000, The Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jerusalem

Az-Zahra Street Realities: Problems and Future Perspectives

Organized by: The Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jerusalem

Participants: Palestinian Jerusalemite businessmen and activists

1 July 2000, PASSIA

The Indian Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem

Meeting with the Indian Foreign Minister and his accompanying delegation

Participants: Faisal Hussein, head of Orieten House; Ekrima Sabri, Mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine; Hatem Abdul Qader, PLC Member.

3 July 2000, PASSIA

Needs and Problems Facing Palestinian Jerusalem Neighborhoods

Participants: David Goldberg, Director, Research & Education, Canada-Israel Committee, Canada

21 September 2000, PASSIA

Civil Society in Jerusalem

Participants: Ahmed Sharif Lutfi, Egyptian Consul General, Tel Aviv

15 October 2000, PASSIA

The Al-Aqsa Intifada and Jerusalem

Speaker: Faisal Hussein, Head of the Orient House, Jerusalem and PLO Executive Committee member in charge of the Jerusalem file

Participants: Ibrahim Sha'ban, Hatem Abdul Qader, Mohammed Jadallah, Jamil Nasser, Ismael Hasan, Abed Abu Diab, Nazmi Ju'beh, Sama'an Khoury, Salah Zuheika

28 October 2000, PASSIA

Issues of Jerusalem and the Current Intifada

Participants: Nazmi Ju'beh, Riwaq and BZU lecturer; Mohammed Jadallah, Community Development Center, Ramallah; Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Islamic Scientific Cultural Society, Jerusalem; Ghassan Khatib, JMCC, Jerusalem; Salah Zuheika, Fateh, Jerusalem; Ahmed Ghneim, Ministry of Local Government

4 November 2000, PASSIA

Five Weeks of Al-Aqsa Intifada, What is Next?

Speaker: Eng. Adnan Hussein, Director, Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Faisal Hussein, Ghassan Al-Khatib, Zahira Kamal, Salah Zuheika, Sam'an Khoury, Ahmed Ghneim, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Hasan Al-Qiq

11 November 2000, PASSIA

The Role of the Palestinian NGOs in the Al-Aqsa Intifada

Participants: Mohammed Jadallah, Zahira Kamal, Sam'an Khoury, Hassan Al-Qiq, Adnan Hussein, Jamil Hamami, Jamil Naser

12 November 2000, UNDP, Jerusalem

Current Israeli Violence and Human Rights Violations and the Suffering of the People of East Jerusalem

Meeting with Mary Robinson, High Commissioner of the United Nations Commission for Human Rights (UNCHR), Geneva, organized by the PNGO Network

(Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi briefed Ms. Robinson on behalf of the Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem on the current situation)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

1 March 2000, Arab Thought Forum, Jerusalem

Policies and Procedures of the Israeli Ministry of Interior in Jerusalem

Attended by: Khamis Ghosheh, PASSIA

8 March 2000, Orient House, Jerusalem

Jerusalem and Its Institutions

Participants: Heads of Palestinian Institutions and Personalities from Jerusalem, Arab Members in the Knesset, and the Heads of the Arab Local Councils and Municipalities inside Israel.

23 March 2000, Institute of Modern Media at Al-Quds University, Al-Quds Educational TV, Al-Bireh

The Question of Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, MECC Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, Jerusalem; Hatem Abdul Qader, PLC member, Jerusalem.

2 May 2000, Orient House

The Peace Process and Jerusalem

Participants: Faisal Hussein, Orient House; Ghassan Khatib, JMCC; Miles Jordana, Director of the International Relations Department, Australian Prime Ministry

14 May 2000, PASSIA

The Middle East Peace Process and the History of Jerusalem

Workshop for students from the Students' Association for Political Scientists, Leiden, NL

Speakers: Rene Ch. Aquarone, Head of the Netherlands Representative Office (Introduction); Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh, Lecturer, Birzeit University (The Middle East Peace Process and the History of Jerusalem)

18 May 2000, Chamber of Commerce, Jerusalem

The Role of the Jerusalemite Economy in the Final Status Negotiations

Participants: Dr. Manuel Hassassian, Ahmed Hashem Zghayar, Faisal Hussein, Maher Masri, Azzam Abu Su'od, Mohammed Dajani, Hanna Siniora, Hani Abu Dayya, Tawfiq Naser, Arafat Hidmi, Adnan Hussein, Riyadh Dajani, Sophie Shiber, PASSIA Program Assistant

17 July 2000, Headquarters of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), Hebron

Jerusalem and the Peace Process

Lecture for TIPH members and staff by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

17 August 2000, Casablanca Hotel, Ramallah

Al-Aqsa Day

Participants: heads of Palestinian-Jerusalemite institutions and religious forums and centers in Palestine

Organized by: The Palestinian National Committee for the Defense of Islamic and Christian Sacred Places

26 October 2000, Welfare Association, Dahiet Al-Barid

Workshop discussing the Al-Quds Program

Attended by Khamis Ghosheh, PASSIA

15-16 December 2000, Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

New Research Trends Regarding the History of Jerusalem

Organized by: The Institute of Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem

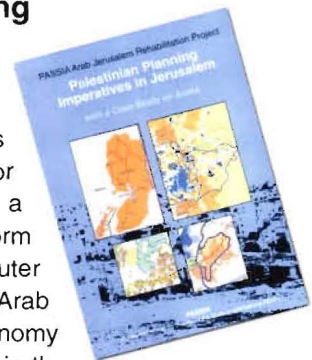
Attended by Khamis Ghosheh and Sonia Ghanem, PASSIA

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

From the beginning in 1987, PASSIA's activities focused much attention on the many aspects of the Jerusalem Question and related research, publication and dissemination of information. In 1999-2000, one of the major activities was the completion of the PASSIA project Arab Jerusalem Rehabilitation - Palestinian Planning Imperatives in Jerusalem.

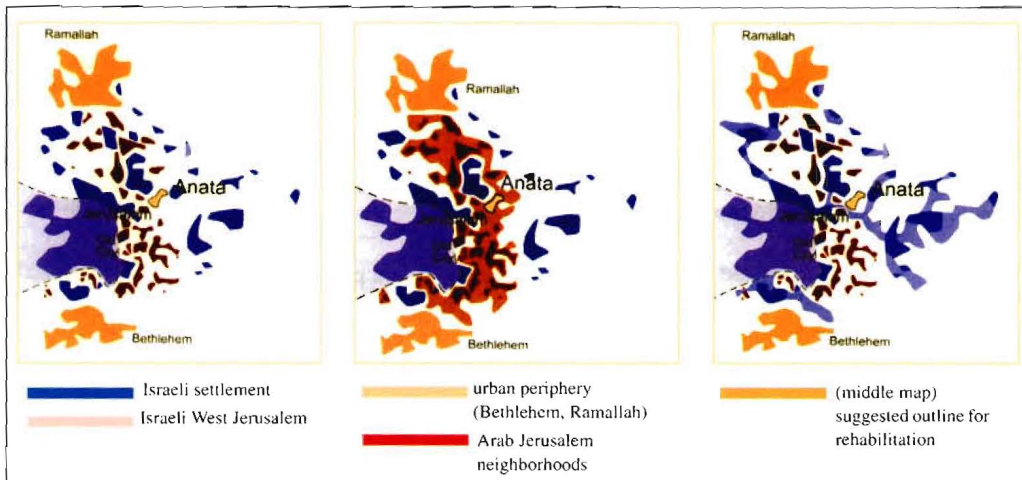
Arab Jerusalem Rehabilitation - Palestinian Planning Imperatives in Jerusalem

The project was developed against the background that seven years after the signing of the first Israeli-PLO Accords, Arab Jerusalem is still facing an increasingly critical situation, and the prospects for recovering it as the future Palestinian capital, in more than just a symbolic sense, are decreasing dramatically. Israeli settlements form two rings around the city - the inner ring in East Jerusalem and the outer ring ('Greater Jerusalem') reaching far into the West Bank - isolating Arab East Jerusalem, cutting the West Bank in half, and strangling the economy as the city is the natural center for all trade and movement routes in the Palestinian Territories.



The overall purpose of the project was to examine the means by which to shape and ensure a viable future for Arab Jerusalem, primarily from the viewpoint of the citizens themselves. The project aimed to provide local communities with technical and organizational counsel for formulating and implementing local developmental strategies to achieve this end. The project focused on an outline for the rehabilitation of local communities in Arab Jerusalem and drew various scenarios of what can be done and what will happen if nothing is done.

The following maps illustrate the project outline in a simplified manner: the left map shows Jerusalem according to the current situation, the map in the center suggests an outline for the rehabilitation of Arab East Jerusalem focusing on connection to the hinterland, and the map at the right shows the situation that will most likely result in the event of failure to deliver such an outline. It should be noted here that since PASSIA seeks to represent a viable option for the rehabilitation of Arab neighborhoods, it focuses on suggestions that do NOT prejudice the current urban prospects as imposed by Israel.



PASSIA commissioned Land Use Planning and Documentation Consultant Jan de Jong to undertake a baseline survey for northeastern East Jerusalem (comprising Anata, Hizma, Az-Za'im, 'Issawiyya and Shu'fat Refugee Camp). Based on this, a Developmental Constraint and Potential Inventory was created, using aerial photography, topo-cadastral maps, terrain exploration and statistics, for one local community (Anata).

The project promoted a citizen-oriented, 'bottom-up' approach, involving representatives from the local community (i.e., Anata) in the various stages, which provided for the gathering of highly practical, applicable information and valuable feedback on various development options.

Out of the compiled information, a profile of developmental needs and constraints was generated and visualized in the form of theme-maps, with the help of which the prospects and options for local community development can be explored. The set of maps produced outlines selected features such as housing, roads, greenery, land use, ownership, and zoning schemes and allow answers to questions such as: How is the housing capacity pressured? How much additional living space is needed? What communal private and public space is left accessible to citizens as a result of official zoning plans?

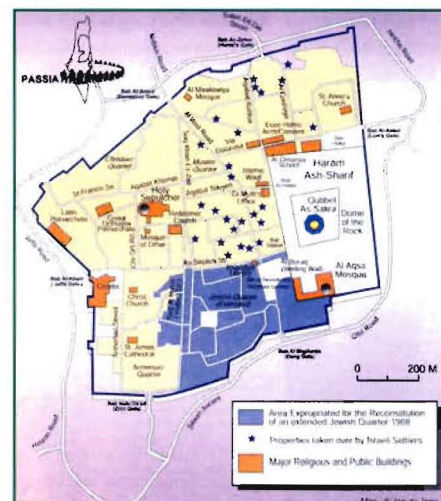
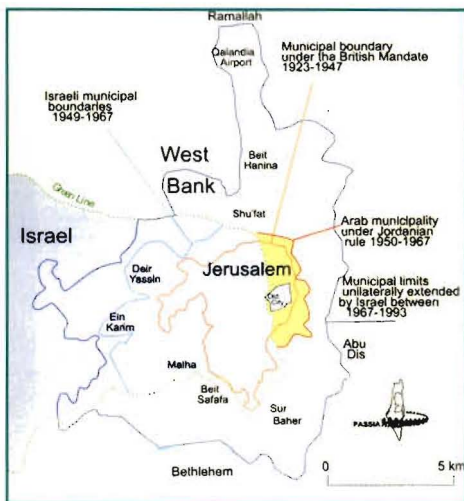
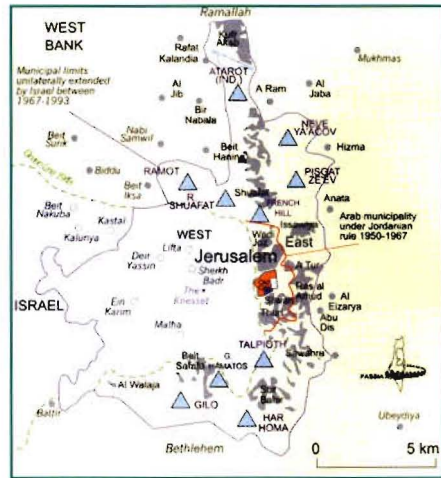
The findings were published in a book, supported by 17 colored maps and illustrated with numerous photos. The first part of this publication introduces an overall framework to examine the issue of development planning for Jerusalem with maps showing the difference between development as it is unilaterally pursued by Israel on the one hand, and development as it is needed to obtain an equitable Palestinian share in shaping the future of Jerusalem on the other. The second part illustrates how the principle of equitable development planning can be applied to a crucial city-section of Arab East Jerusalem neighborhoods and suburbs, focusing on a prospective alternative planning scheme for Anata township, compiled in cooperation with local citizens.

The Project Team consisted of Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi (overall project supervision), Deniz Altayli (project coordination), Jan de Jong (Land Use Planning and Documentation), and Khamis Ghosheh and Hussein D. Rifa'i (field research and fieldwork coordination).

Special Bulletin

Other research and information activities related to Jerusalem included the publication of a Special Bulletin in Arabic, prepared on the occasion and as PASSIA's contribution to the Palestinian NGO Network's (PNGO) week of civil society activities in September 2000.

The bulletin gives an overview of the main issues at stake in Jerusalem, including updates, facts and figures regarding population, house demolition, municipal borders, settlements and the revocation of ID cards from Palestinian Jerusalemites.

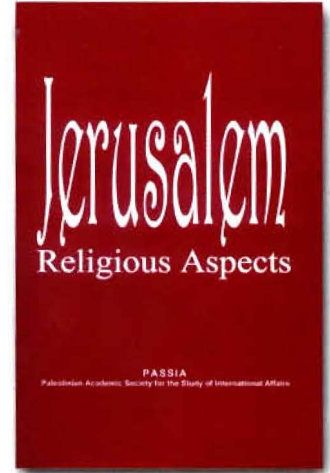


Furthermore, PASSIA has published a second edition of the following two books:

Jerusalem - Religious Aspects

Jerusalem: PASSIA Publications, 2nd edition, June 2000
(English, Arabic)

This publication contains the papers presented at a symposium on religious aspects of Jerusalem, focusing on the significance of the Holy City in the three monotheistic faiths. Dr. Sari Nusseibeh writes on Jerusalem's from an Islamic point of view, Dr. Bernard Sabella outlines the Christian perspective and Dr. Yitzhak Reiter discussed what Jerusalem means for the Jews. The papers include suggestions on what a future solution will have to entail and present encouraging evidence that interfaith and Palestinian-Israeli dialogue can take place on the issue of Jerusalem.

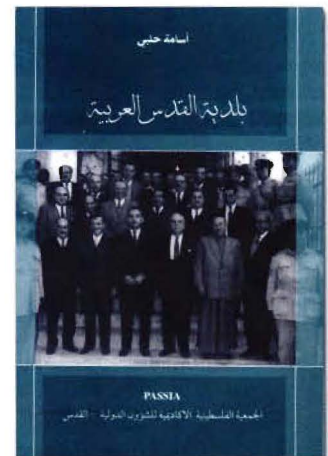


The Jerusalem Arab Municipality

Usama Halabi

Jerusalem: PASSIA Publications, 2nd edition, 2000 (Arabic)

This book describes the role of the Jerusalem Arab Municipality since its foundation in 1863 until the end of the British Mandate (laws and precedents, duties and responsibilities, council appointments, elections and compositions) and then examines the divided city (1948-1967) in the eyes of International Law. Other issues discussed are internationalization of the city; the notion of two municipalities; Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967 and the dissolution of the Arab Municipality; and Palestinian thinking and planning about the future of the city, including the re-establishment of the Arab Municipality.



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Religious Studies Unit

Introduction

Since issues pertaining to religion and interfaith matters have always had a special place in its 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. In view of the fact that encounters between people of very different religious traditions take place in the close proximity of Palestinian cities and neighborhoods, the unit aims to focus on the role and significance of religion for different people and to promote understanding of and respect for others in order to address this religious diversity. This process involves learning about each other's faith, addressing issues pertaining to inter-religious relations, including current problems within and between the prevailing religious communities, and related activities that contribute to the elimination of misconceptions and stereotypes.

The PASSIA Religious Studies Unit combines the following activities, some of which are implemented or 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 & 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 aspects 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 develop methods 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.

Activities of the Religious Studies Unit in 2000 included the following (presented in the following order: date; place; topic; speaker; participants):

COORDINATION MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

March 27 Bethlehem 2000 Project Bldg., Bethlehem

Arrangements for the Interfaith Conference of the Bethlehem 2000 Project

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA; Dr. Rev. Mitri Raheb, International Center, Bethlehem; Musa Darwish, Public Relations Director, Bethlehem University.

March 29 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Assessment of the Pope's Visit to the Holy Land

Mr. Geir O. Pederson, Head of the Norwegian Representative Office

March 30 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Muslim-Christian Relations

Ms. Salpy Eskidjian, World Council of Churches, Geneva

April 4 The Apostolic Delegation, Jerusalem

Muslim-Christian Relations in Palestine and the Pope's Visit

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Head, The Apostolic Delegation, Jerusalem.

April 5 Greek Orthodox Church

Muslim-Christian Relations and the Pope's Visit

HE Metropolitan Timotheos of Vostra, Archamandret Dr. Attalah

8 May 2000 Bethlehem

Planning for Bethlehem Interfaith Conference

Participants: Ms. Christine Naser, Mr. Musa Darwish, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Samah Qumsieh, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

8 June 2000 PASSIA

The Future of the Inter-Religious Cooperation

Participants: University students from the Wake Forest University, North Carolina, USA: Ethan Lindsay, Emilie Hayner, Elizabeth Reilly, Brian Harrington, Reagan Humber. Amy Bradley, Sarah Boelig, Rupen Amin, Dana Irwin. And Dr. Kenneth Hoglund- Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Wake Forest University.

29 June 2000 PASSIA

PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit Members discuss the joint paper "The Stone of Foundation and the Stone of Islam - The Religious Aspects of The Temple Mount - Haram Al-Sharif Discord" presented by Sheikh Abu Sallah, Dir (near Ramallah) and Rabbi Menahem Fruman, Tekoa Settlement, at the International Congress "Peace on Our Planet", held in Brasilia, June 2000.

2 July 2000 PASSIA

Islamic Perspectives on Jerusalem

Speaker: Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway

Participants: Marvin Gelfand, Jane Gellman, Muki Jankelowitz, Don Scher, Shirley Solomon, Joseph Hurwitz, Judimi Hurwitz, E. Toporek, S. Toporek, Yehezkel Landau, Noreen Sablitsky, Norton Melaver, Bethy Melaver.

9 July 2000 PASSIA

The Palestine Question: An Islamic Perspective

Speakers: Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Sheikh Jamil Hamami

Participants: Dana Baruch, Riva Jacobs, Kelly Finkel, Susan Couden, Sara kolett, Gay Cllis, Laura Buse, Perter Geffen, Steven Bogad, Shaula Gurani, Elizabeth Sharkey

24 July 2000 PASSIA

Egyptian Crises: Muslim-Christian Relations Today

Participants: Father Christian Van Nispen, Cairo, Sheikh Jamil Hamami, Jerusalem.

9 September 2000 PASSIA

Joining Hands against Hunger Companions in Transformation - The Status of Democracy and Religion

Participants: Rev. Victor Makari, Office for Interfaith Relations & Worldwide Ministries Division, Presbyterian Church; Lionel Derenoncourt, Associate for International Hunger Concerns, Worldwide Ministries Division, Presbyterian Church, Layne Hawley, Coordinator, Worldwide Ministries Division, Presbyterian Church

6 December 2000 PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Importance of Jerusalem for Muslims

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Swedish students from the Church of Sweden Mi Helen-Clergy, Ann Louise Trulsson-Clergy, Tommy Mellberg-Clergy, Tommie Anderson-Clergy, Markus Klefbeck-Student, Cecilia Nystir-Deaconess, Rolf Storm-Clergy, Mary Chilpsen-Clergy.

DIALOGUE SESSIONS AND ROUNDTABLES

January 17 PASSIA, Jerusalem

The Question of Jerusalem - Religious Aspects

Meeting with HE Geir O. Pedersen, Head of the Representative Office of Norway, Ramallah; Dr. Trond Bakkevig, Vicar, Church of Norway, Oslo

February 24 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Muslim-Christian Relations

Speaker: Jukka Paarma, Archbishop of Finland

Discussant: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Bishop Munib Younan, Adnan Al-Husseini, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein and the Delegation accompanying the Archbishop of Finland

March 9 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Inter-Faith Dialogue

Meeting with members of the Board of the Church of Sweden visiting Jerusalem and the Holy Land

March 21 Portuguese Representative Office, Ramallah

The Question of Jerusalem, The Pope Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and General Views on Palestinian Domestic Issues

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Heads and representatives of diplomatic missions in Jerusalem and the West Bank

March 27 Orient House

Muslim-Christian Relations

Meeting with members of visiting delegation from the Scottish Church; Faisal Hussein; Afif Safieh; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

March 30 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Islam in Palestine and The Impact of the Pope's Visit on Muslim-Christian Relations

Meeting with a Religious Visiting Delegation from Finland

Participants: Risto Ahonen; Paivi Anttila; Ben Chang; Olle Eriksson; Ritva Halmensmaa; Erkkö Helminen; Heikki Hilvo; Risto Jukko; Eeva Kemppi-Repo; Juha Kylanpaa; Reijo Leino; Vuokko Lipponen; Kirsti Mauranen; Jaakko Makela; Ulla Makinen; Irma Nygren; Seikku Paunonen; Jorma Paussu; Kari Poykko; Juha-Pekka Rissanen; Ulla-Maija Saarihahti; Bodil Skjott; Rolf Steffansson; Tuula Saaksi; Marti Tuhkanen; Pirkko Tuhkanen; Anders Vikstrom; Markku Voutilainen; Ritta-Leena Voutilainen.

March 31 PASSIA, Jerusalem

Assessment of the Pope's Visit to the Holy Land - Palestinian Christian and Muslim Views

Participants: Wadi' Abu Nassar, Adnan Hussein, Metropolitan Timotheos of Vostra, Ibrahim Dai'bes, Salpy Eskidjian, Bishop. Riah Abu Al-Asal, Abdullah Khoury, Ibrahim Abu Hadba, Father Peter Madrous, Dr. Bernard Sabella



20 May 2000 MIFTAH, Jerusalem

The Religious Aspects of the Question of Jerusalem

Speakers: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Dr. Salim Tamari

Participants: The American Committee on Jerusalem: Dr. Marc Ellis, Dr. Evertt Huffard, Dr. Derek Davis, Dr. David Holloway, Dr. Leo Lefebure, Dr. Rick Marrs, Dr. Melanie May, Dr. Brenda Meehan, Dr. Elizabeth Ngan, Dr. Caleb Oladipo, Khalil Jahshan, Laurel Severns.

2 July 2000, PASSIA

Islamic Perspectives on Jerusalem

Speaker: Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Lecturer, Al-Quds University

Participants: Marvin Gelfand, Jane Gellman, Muki Jankelowitz, Don Scher, Shirley Solomon, Joseph Hurwitz, Judimi Hurwitz, E. Toporek, S. Toporek, Yehezkel Landau, Norton Melaver, Bethy Melaver, Noreen Sablitsky

29 August 2000 PASSIA

Recent Political Changes and the Question of Jerusalem

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Participants: Visiting Swedish Delegation-The Evangelical Lutheran Church The Most Rt. Rev. Karl Hammar, the Rt. Rev. Andres Wejryd, the Rt. Rev. Caroline Krook, the Rt. Rev. Rangar Persenius, the Rt. Rev. Lars-Goran Lonnermark, the Rt. Rev. Lars Eckerdal, the Rt. Rev. Karl Johan Tyrberg, the Rt. Rev. Rune Backlund, the Rt. Rev. Martin Lind, the Rt. Rev. Claes-Bertil, the Rt. Rev. Yiterberg, Biorn Fjarstedt, the Rt. Rev. Christina Odenberg, Bishop Munib Younan, Ms. Lena Bohman, Mr. Johan Hasslow, Mr. Klas Hansson, Mr. Tord Tomberg.

12 September 2000 US Consulate, Jerusalem

The Second Annual Report on International Religious Freedom

Palestinian religious figures and academics comment on the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom Summary of a live discussion in the TV program "World Net" with Mr. Robert Seiple, Head of the US Department of State's International Religious Freedom Unit, and Saudi and Palestinian personalities.

Palestinian Participants: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Ibrahim Qandalaft, Father Majdi Siriani, Father Na'im Ateeq, Abdul Halim Ayesh, Samir Qumsieh.

Summary: The Saudis and Palestinians criticized the US Annual Report on International Religious Freedom, which was released by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor at the US Department of State on 5 September 2000, mainly for failing to address the numerous Israeli violations vis-à-vis Islamic and Christian holy places in the Palestinian territories and within Israel proper. Dr. Abu Sway mentioned, for example, a mosque in Tiberias that had been closed and turned into a carpet factory, and a mosque in Jaffa, the first floor of which - against a ruling by the Supreme Court, was converted into a plastic factory and the second floor into a restaurant and coffee shop.

25 November 2000 PASSIA

The Holy Month of Ramadan: The Right of Worship and the Freedom of Access to the Holy City

Speakers: Eng. Adnan Hussein, Director of the Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem, and Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh, Lecturer, Birzeit University

Participants: Zahira Kamal, Musa Bajjali, Tha'er Issawi, Nazmi Ju'beh, Adnan Hussein, Jamil Hamami, Hassan El-Qiq, Salah Zuheika, Mohammed Jadallah, Sama'n Khoury, Faisal Hussein, Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

January 4 Christmas Hotel, East Jerusalem

Celebration of the Great Jubilee of 2000

Encounter with Patriarchs and Bishops of the Greek Orthodox Churches on the Occasion of their Visit to Palestine

March 13 PASSIA Forum, Ambassador, Hotel, Jerusalem

The Vatican and Palestine - Christian and Muslim Perspectives

Speakers: Adnan Hussein, Director, Islamic Waqf, Jerusalem and Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Head, Apostolic Delegation, Jerusalem

Audience: over 100 local and foreign personalities, religious dignitaries and diplomats





23 September 2000 PASSIA

2000 Annual Report on International Religious Freedom released by the US Department of State (Full-day seminar)

Participants: Wisam Masa'deh, Fadi Moghrabi, A'la' Alamat, Ahmad Alami, Hussein El-Mahdi, Adnan Hussein, Safa' Abu Asab, Mohammed Jaber, Abdul Salam Abu Shkeidem, Jamil Hamami, Father Maroun Lahham, Bishop Munib Younan, Jack Khazmo, Nora Karmi, Rev. Yazeed Saeed.

10-11 July 2000 PASSIA

Religious and Political Aspects of the Question of Jerusalem

(This two-day intensive seminar was organized upon request and in coordination with the World Council of Churches in Geneva and formed part of a 10-day study trip for a visiting group of representatives from World Council of Churches member churches in the US)

Participants: Salpy Eskidjian, Executive Secretary for the Middle East, WCC - International Relations, Geneva; Paulette Mixon, Church and Ecumenical Relations, WCC - US office; Sara Speicher, Communication Officer,

Program:

The full text of the following presentations can be read at PASSIA's website (www.passia.org)

DAY ONE	Monday, 10 July 2000
9:00-9:30	Opening Remarks Faisal Hussein , Head of the Orient House, Jerusalem, and PLO Executive Committee Member in charge of the Jerusalem File
9.30-10.45	A Look at the History of Jerusalem Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh , Associate Professor of History, Birzeit University
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Legal Aspects and Socioeconomic Realities Usama Halabi , Lawyer, Jerusalem
12.30-13.30	Lunch
12.30-13.30	Jerusalem: An Islamic Perspective Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway , Lecturer in Islamic Studies and Philosophy, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

13.30-15.00	Break
15.15-16.45	Summing Up Day One - Discussion with the Participants Adnan Husseini , Director of Islamic Waqf; Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi , Head of PASSIA, Walid Al-Assali , Attorney, Jerusalem



DAY TWO	Tuesday, 11 July 2000
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9:30-10:45	Israeli Planning and Policies in the City - Past, Presence and Future Daniel Seidemann , Lawyer, Jerusalem
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Jerusalem: A Christian Perspective Father Maroum Laham , Rector, Latin Patriarchate Seminary, Jerusalem
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Future Scenarios, for Jerusalem Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi , Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.45	Final Discussion - Conclusion



CONFERENCES:

28 May 2000 The Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

The Holy Land Between Cold Peace and Cold War

Hosted by Eshet Conferences and Incentives, Tel Aviv

Participants: Naomi Chazan, MK and Deputy Speaker of the Knesset; Michael Kleiner, MK (Likud); Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA

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SEMINAR

TRAINING & EDUCATION IN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**Introduction**

Initiated in 1992, PASSIA's Education and Training in International Affairs program has served as a ground-breaking component in the field of educational seminars for Palestinian graduates and professionals. The seminars are conducted by Palestinian and foreign experts of the highest level and aim at enabling the participants to deepen their knowledge and expertise in specific areas of international affairs. Subjects dealt with thus far include Strategic Studies and Security, The European Union, Diplomacy and Protocol, The Foreign Policies of Arab States, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East, The US and Canada - Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East, and Japan, Palestine and the Middle East.

In 1999, having conducted seminars on many other countries around the globe and realizing that Palestinians' knowledge of an entity in its immediate proximity is very limited, we at PASSIA decided that it was time to take on the challenge and responsibility of introducing Israel- the state, the society, and its politics. The large number of applicants PASSIA received for this seminar only confirmed the high demand among Palestinians to gain a better knowledge of the components and workings of Israel's internal system as well as of its political culture and historical perceptions.

As previously Americans, Canadians, Japanese or Europeans were invited to lecture on their respective countries' policies and systems, PASSIA approached a number of Israelis from various backgrounds - ranging from academia, to media to politics and religion - to address the seminar participants and impart their understanding of Israel. It may be worthwhile to note that in approaching the potential lecturers - mainly the "mainstream" to ensure the fairest and most objective presentations possible - we did not receive a single negative answer. On the contrary, there was encouragement, support, a bit of surprise, but certainly recognition of the challenge.

The PASSIA seminar on Israel - State Society and Politics aimed at providing Palestinian participants with the following:

- A basic grounding in the concepts, processes and terminology of policy-making in Israel;
- An introduction to Israel's history, society, and political system;
- The ability to understand and analyze Israel's position in international relations;
- An examination of the actual policy positions of Israel toward the Middle East region, the peace process, and the Palestinians.

The Seminar: Israel - State, Society, and Politics

In late 1999, PASSIA began to discuss with Palestinian and Israeli scholars and other colleagues the outline and implementation of the seminar. In February 2000, the seminar was advertised in the local press, Al-Quds and Al-Ayyam; notification was also given to certain local organizations, including NGOs and institutions of the Palestinian Authority. No fees for undertaking the course were required from the participants.

PASSIA received over 70 applications from all over the Palestinian Territories and short-listed applicants were invited for interviews. As it is PASSIA's long-standing policy to involve external interviewers in the selection process, Dr. Said Zeedani, Lecturer at Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, was invited and agreed to conduct the interviews, which took place on 9 and 10 March 2000 in Ramallah. Based on the application forms and these interviews, 18 of the interviewees were selected to participate in the seminar, as well as four reserves. PASSIA, meanwhile, selected material to be included in the preparatory reading packages, drafted the lecture program and began to arrange the necessary logistics.

The participants received the preparatory reading package with assorted articles in order to familiarize themselves with the seminar contents. The reading period included the preparation of a background paper; each participant was asked to prepare the following assignment to be discussed during the seminar:

Please write down the first three terms (nouns or adjectives) that come to your mind when you hear "Israel" and explain each of these in one or two paragraphs (i.e., why you have chosen these terms and what you attribute to them).

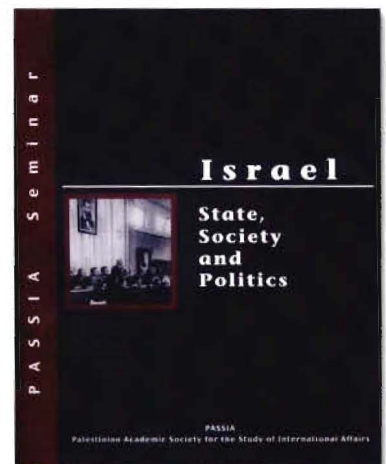
The actual seminar took place from 10 to 14 April 2000 at PASSIA's seminar premises in Ramallah, with a series of lectures and discussions conducted by mainly Israeli scholars, journalists, Knesset members and NGO activists. Travel, accommodation, food and all other expenses involved with participation in the course were provided for the participants.

At the close of the seminar, participants had to choose one of the following second essay assignments to be completed and submitted within one month:

- *How do you think Israelis perceive Palestinians?*
- *How do you see Palestinian-Israeli future relations?*
- *Do you think that there can ever be true peace between Israel and Palestine?*

Those participants, who completed all assignments as required and attended the entire seminar, received a certificate from PASSIA recognizing their successful completion of the seminar program.

During the seminar, PASSIA recorded all sessions and discussions, which then were transcribed and edited. Once put in a final form, a report containing the seminar proceedings was published.



The Lecture Program:

DAY ONE	Monday, 10 April 2000
8:30-9:00	Opening Remarks and Orientation DR. MAHDI ABDUL HADI , Head of PASSIA
9:00-10:30	Origins of Political Concepts and the Zionist Movement (Pre-1948 History) PROF. SHLOMO AVINERI , Department of Political Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Social Cleavages and Political Parties DR. BENYAMIN NEUBERGER , Head, Democracy Studies Graduate Program, Open University of Israel, Tel Aviv
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	Zionists and the Palestinians under the British Mandate TOM SEGEV , Correspondent, Ha'aretz
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:15	The Creation of Israel, the War of 1948 and Early Institution-Building PROF. MOSHE LISSAK , Department of Sociology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
DAY TWO	Tuesday, 11 April 2000
9:00-10:30	The Arab-Israeli Wars and Peace, 1948-1987 - A Critical Israeli Point of View DR. RON PUNDIK , Director, Economic Cooperation Foundation, Tel Aviv
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	The Political System in Israel (I): Leadership, Parties, Pressure Groups PROF. MENACHEM HOFNUNG , Department of Political Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	Participant Assignments PARTICIPANTS
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:15	The Political System in Israel (II): Government, Knesset and Law-Making NAOMI CHAZAN , Member of the Knesset
DAY THREE	Wednesday, 12 April 2000
10:30-11:00	DR. PAUL RIVLIN , Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	The Military and Security Establishment DR. YORAM PERI , Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:45	The Histadrut and Other Labor Institutions DR. URI DAVIS , Honorary Research Fellow, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter and Center for Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies (CMEIS), University of Durham; and Chairman, AL-BEIT: Association for the Defense of Human Rights in Israel.

- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:15 Israeli Society and Religion: Ethnic Groups, Identity and Nationalism
RABBI DAVID ROSEN, Director-General of the Anti-Defamation League, Jerusalem, and its representative at the Vatican

DAY FOUR	Thursday, 13 April 2000
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- 9:00-10:30 Israeli Society Towards a Mediterranean Identity
DR. DAVID OHANA, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:00 The Palestinian-Arab Minority in Israel
DR. SAID ZEEDANI, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:45 The Israeli Lobby and US-Israeli Relations
COLETTE AVITAL, Member of the Knesset, Jerusalem
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:15 Israel's International Relations: The US, Europe and International Organizations
DR. SHLOMO ARONSON, Department of Political Science, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

DAY FIVE	Friday, 14 April 2000
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- 9:00-11:00 Israeli Politics: From the Intifada to the Peace Process
DR. ASHER SUSSER, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00 Israel and the Middle East Peace Process
DR. MOSHE MAOZ, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:45 Israel's Future in the Region: Conflict or Cooperation?
DAVID KIMCHE, President of the Israel Council for Foreign Relations
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:15 Wrap up
with **DR. MAHDI ABDUL HADI**

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Civil Society Empowerment

Through Training and Skills
Development

Introduction

The PASSIA project Civil Society Empowerment Through Training and Skills Development was developed in 1997 against the background that Palestine presents a unique challenge for institution building and the establishment of an effective civil society, with a wide range of NGOs seeking to achieve long-term and lasting objectives in an uncertain and dynamic environment. However, many of the key personnel in civil society organizations (CSOs) receive no formal training and there is an immense need to develop proper skills and capacities that will enable them to become more efficient.

The Program

PASSIA's Civil Society Empowerment project is thus designed to assist in the human resource and institutional development of nascent Palestinian infrastructure. It is primarily geared towards Palestinian civil society practitioners, but also addresses government personnel with specific responsibility for policy formulation and project implementation as well as other professionals keen to enhance their analytical, planning and managerial skills.

Each seminar comprises of the following interrelated activities:

■ **Application and Selection of Participants.** The training program is advertised in the local press with a three-week period for applications. Normally, the applicant holds a BA degree or its equivalent. Non-graduates with relevant experience are also welcome to apply, as are new graduates with no working experience but a serious interest to enhance their skills. Applicants must be able to commit themselves full-time throughout the required period and to undertake preparatory reading and written work. A good knowledge of written and spoken English is essential. Applicants are then invited for interviews, on the basis of which the selection is made. In accordance with PASSIA's policy, the interviews and selection are conducted by an external interviewer.

■ **Research and Preparation.** Upon selection, participants are provided with a preparatory reading package containing materials that allow them to familiarize themselves with the basic issues in advance of the seminar. Furthermore, each participant is given a paper assignment to prepare for presentation during the training program.

■ **Training.** A five-day intensive training course with lectures on conceptual frameworks and functional skills given by local and international experts. Since the programs' primary aim is to impart practical skills, the seminars include activities that call on participants to actively

employ the information they learn in their places of employment. The training course is followed by two follow-up workshops with the aim to link the previous training to actual issues or real-world situations and to enhance the skills of the participants, who prepare for the workshops by doing practical assignments.

■ **Conclusion.** Participants who fulfill all requirements will receive a certificate for the course taken. PASSIA prepares the proceedings of the training program and publishes them in the form of a handbook.

In 2000, PASSIA held three training programs, one on Leadership Skills, one on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation in Organizations, and one on Research Skills (details are described below). Preparations for a fourth course, on Project Management, were underway towards the end of the year but disturbed and delayed by the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada.

TRAINING PROGRAM ON LEADERSHIP SKILLS

The PASSIA Training Program on Leadership Skills was designed to develop the effectiveness of CSOs by using leadership and communication skills that assist improving strategies for managing personnel and working with supervisors, influencing people, making decisions, the ability to 'take charge', and to supervise and delegate work.

The training program was thus of particular interest to those concerned with organizational development and supervisory tasks. The program's main objective was to increase the participants' understanding of how to lead and manage people, how to effectively motivate others and delegate tasks, and how to use these newly learned tools to improve the performance of organizations and further their goals. Since the program focused on practical skills it included exercises, case studies and group work for the participants.



Upon selection 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. The reading period included the preparation of a short paper assignment. The participants were split in two groups, each of which received one of the two following instructions, which were then discussed during the seminar:

Discuss with reference to the pre-course reading and your personal experience the following statement:

The Skills of Effective Leadership are Universal Regardless of the Task or Type of Organization

The two follow-up workshops - which combined lectures on specific case studies, further functional training, interactive exercises, and discussions - were held on 12 and 26 February 2000. The participants prepared for these by completing following assignments:

First workshop: Draft a Personal Action Plan and Peer Coaching

Second workshop: *Identify and explain a leadership-related problem/issue at your working place or in your personal environment and discuss it, using the terminology and the knowledge that you have acquired in the seminar.*

Lecture Program

DAY ONE: Saturday, 15 January 2000

8.30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem
9.30-10.30	Civil Society - Conceptual Framework Izzat Abdul Hadi, Director, Bisan Center for Research and Development, Ramallah
10:30-10.45	Break
10.45-12.15	Defining the Leadership Challenge Today Barry Roberts, Training and Development Consultant, UK
12.15-13.30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Effective Communication Barry Roberts
15.00-15.15	Break
15:15-16.45	Effective Communication, contd.

DAY TWO: Sunday, 16 January 2000

9:15-10:45	Problem Solving Barry Roberts
10.45-11:00	Break
11.00-13.00	Problem Solving, contd.
12.15-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Decision-Making and Chairing Effective Meetings Barry Roberts
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-17.00	Decision-Making and Chairing Effective Meetings, contd.

DAY THREE: Monday, 17 January 2000

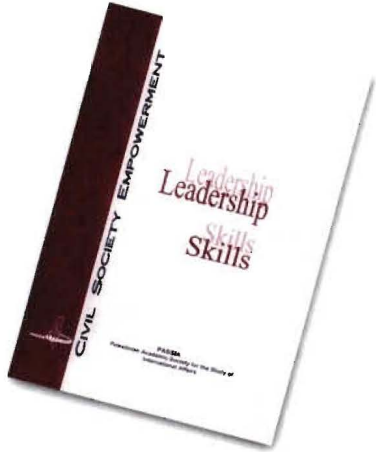
9:15-10:45	Managing and Motivating Others Barry Roberts
10.45-11:00	Break
11.00-13.00	Building and Leading a Team Barry Roberts
12.15-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Working groups: Preparing presentations Participants (with Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-17.00	Contd.

DAY FOUR: Tuesday, 18 January 2000

- 9:15-10:45 Leading and Managing People - Case Studies: (1) International Organizations
Timothy Rothermel, Special Representative, UNDP, Jerusalem
- 10.45-11:00 Break
- 11.00-13.00 Introduction into Psychology
Dr. Ahmed Baker, Professor of Psychology, Birzeit University
- 12.15-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.00 The United Nations University International Leadership Academy
Anwar Said, Assistant Director, UN University, International Leadership
Academy, Amman
- 15.00-15.15 Break
- 15.15-17.00 Participants' Presentations

DAY FIVE: Wednesday, 19 January 2000

- 9:15-10:45 Leading and Managing People - Case Studies: (2) Business Sector
Ghiath Sukhtian, Vice-Chairman, Sukhtian Group, Jordan-Palestine
- 10.45-11:00 Break
- 11.00-12.30 Leading and Managing People - Case Studies: (3) Government/Public Sector
Dr. Munther Salah, Minister of Higher Education
- 12.30-13.30 The PLO and the Arab-Israeli Conflict - Experience from Within
Hani Al-Hassan, Head, Fatah Foreign Relations Dept.
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.00 Personal Action Plan and Peer Coaching
Program Close



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SAKKA, Salah (Gaza)

Gaza Strip Director, ANERA, Gaza

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TRAINING PROGRAM ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND NEGOTIATION IN ORGANIZATIONS

The PASSIA Training Program on Conflict Resolution and Negotiations in Organizations aimed at imparting theoretical and practical conflict resolution and negotiation skills. The program introduced the fields of conflict resolution in its various aspects. Key themes included methods and approaches of conflict analysis and resolution, problem-solving strategies and negotiation styles, and how they affect decision-making processes. The main aim was to increase the

participants' understanding of how to de-escalate conflict, how to deal with difficult people and situations, and how to use these newly learned tools in their own working environments.

The preparatory reading period included the preparation of a short paper assignment with the following instructions:

“Discuss with reference to the pre-course reading and your own personal experience a conflict that you were (or are) involved in and that did not end well (so far)”

At the end of the five days, the participants received the following second assignment to be submitted in writing by the beginning of the follow-up workshop:

Please discuss your preparatory assignment - “A personal experience of a conflict that you were involved in and that did not end well” - in terms of how you would deal with that conflict now, reflecting the 'lessons learned' during the five-day training course.

The workshop took place on 22-23 June 2000 and focused on skills enhancement with Anthony Wanis-St.John, research fellow at the Program on Negotiations at Harvard University, as instructor.

Lecture Program

DAY ONE: Wednesday, 24 May 2000	
9:30-10.00	Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem
10.00-11.00	Civil Society - Conceptual Framework Dr. Jamil Hilal, Sociologist and Researcher, Ramallah
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-13.00	Concepts and Methods of Conflict Resolution Dr. Chip Hauss, Professor of Political Science, George Mason University, Washington, DC
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Problem Solving Skills Dr. Chip Hauss
15.30-15.45	Break
15:15-16.45	Participants
DAY TWO: Thursday, 25 May 2000	
9:15-10:45	Strategies for Building Consensus Dr. Chip Hauss
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Interpersonal Skills Dr. Chip Hauss
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Cultural Barriers Dr. Chip Hauss
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.45	Participants (contd.)

DAY THREE: Friday, 26 May 2000

9:15-10:45	Introduction into Psychology Dr. Ahmed Baker, Professor of Psychology, Birzeit University
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Profile of Personalities Dr. Ahmed Baker
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Mediation Skills and Techniques Dr. Andrew Rigby, Center for Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Coventry University, UK
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-17:00	Conflict and Conflict Resolution at Work - Case Studies Mazen Qubti, Lawyer, Jerusalem

DAY FOUR: Saturday, 27 May 2000

9:15-10:45	Non-Violent Means of Social Change Dr. Andrew Rigby
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	How to Reconcile Dr. Andrew Rigby
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Working Relations - Legal Aspects Maha Abu Dayyeh, Director, Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Jerusalem
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-17:00	Assignment (Workshop with the Participants)

DAY FIVE: Sunday, 28 May 2000

9:15-10:45	Where do we go from here? Discussion with Dr. Chip Hauss
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Conflicts and the Concept of Sulha Issam Anani, Lawyer, Jerusalem
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Conflict Resolution in the Islamic Shari'a Court Sheikh Fathi Mansour, Qadi, Islamic Shari'a Court, Jerusalem
14:30-15:00	Break
15:00-16:00	Wrap Up and Evaluation with Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Follow-up Workshop: 22-23 June 2000

(The workshop was built around integrative negotiation skills that help to strategically manage and improve interpersonal and organizational relationships and to obtain better work results as organizations, teams and as individuals. Much of the course was based on concepts developed at the Program on Negotiations at Harvard Law School).

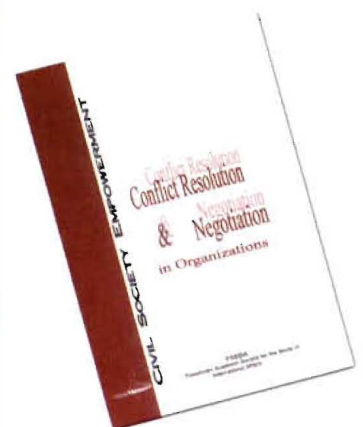
DAY ONE: Strategic Design of Negotiation

9:00	Purposes of Workshop, Introductions and Determination of Learning Goals
9:30	Interactive exercise "Oil Pricing" (to demonstrate the power and pervasiveness of negotiation)

11.00	Break
11.15	Strategic negotiation concepts presentation (presentation of concepts that can challenge traditional ideas about how to create value through negotiation)
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Interactive negotiation exercise "Diego Primadonna" (to more fully understand how negotiation outcomes can be improved in simple transactions involving few parties and few issues to be resolved. The exercise requires to practice negotiation, especially the ability to analyze the various' parties' interests)
15.15	Presentation on recommended negotiation practices (practical prescription for action how to apply the new tools to the participants' negotiations)
16.00	Break
16.15	Interactive practice sessions against difficult bargainers
16.45	Application of framework (participants use own real-life negotiation situations to apply the concepts and skills).

DAY TWO: Complex Negotiations and Communication Skills

9.15	Negotiation exercise "Harboco" (practice what happens when numerous parties with very different positions and interests must negotiate together)
11.15	Break
11.30	Presentation on Communication Skills in Negotiation (to explore what dynamics are at work when in negotiation or other conflict situations, how these dynamics affect behaviors and outcomes in negotiation, and finally, what can be done to transform such dynamics)
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Role Reversal Exercise (to teach participants practical skills that break the pattern of problematic communication in organizations, work relationships, etc.)
15.15	Closing presentation



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TRAINING PROGRAM ON RESEARCH SKILLS

Strong research skills and the development of a systematic approach to tackling any research project are fundamental to good organizational performance. The PASSIA Training Program on Research Skills was designed to meet the needs of employees in civil society or public institutions with a research component to their work requirements, who wished to enhance their research and analytical skills. The course provided a comprehensive grounding in applied research techniques, policy analysis, statistical methodology and the critical evaluation of other research.

The preparatory reading period included the preparation of a short paper assignment, with the following instructions:

Describe a research project you are currently involved in, or have been in the past, and:

- 1. summarize the project's goals, including (expected) results;*
- 2. discuss the problems encountered during the research process.*

The training program took place from 1-5 September 2000 in Ramallah. These were to be followed by an intensive workshop on computer-processed research tools, especially the use of applications such as SPSS, which took place on 21 December 2000. The participants were required to rework their previous assignment in accordance with what they had learned during the past five days.

Lecture Program

DAY ONE:	Friday, 1 September 2000
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9:00	Registration
9:30-10.00	Welcoming Address / Opening Remarks Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem
10.00-11.00	Research in the Palestinian Civil Society Context Dr. Salim Tamari, Director, Institute for Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-13.00	Introduction into Statistics Dr. Faisal Awartani, Prof. of Statistics, Birzeit University
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Exercises ("Reading" Statistics) Dr. Faisal Awartani
15.30-15.45	Break
15:15-16.45	Sampling and Surveying Dr. Faisal Awartani

DAY TWO:	Saturday, 2 September 2000
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9:15-10:45	Introduction into Research Methods (1): Ways of Knowing Dr. Nader Said, Director, Development Studies Program, Birzeit University
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Introduction into Research Methods (2): Research Procedures Dr. Nader Said
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Constructing Questionnaires Dr. Nader Said
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.30	Data Collection and Interviewing Methods Dr. Nader Said

DAY THREE: Sunday, 3 September 2000

9:15-10:45	Basic Research Skills (library searches, bibliographic work, research proposals) Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh, Associate Professor of History, Birzeit University
10.45-11:00	Break
11.00-13.00	How to Incorporate Gender into Research Islah Jad, Women's Studies Center, BZU
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Participants
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-17.00	Participants

DAY FOUR: Monday, 4 September 2000

9:15-10:45	Policy Analysis (Introduction) Dr. Mohammed Hallaj, Member of the Palestinian National Council, Former Director of the Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine, Washington, DC
10.45-11:00	Break
11.00-12.30	Policy Analysis (contd.) Dr. Mohammed Hallaj
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	The Internet as a Research Tool Lucas Welch, Documentarian and Teacher of New Media, Birzeit University
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-17.00	Exercise (web-based) with Lucas Welch

DAY FIVE: Tuesday, 5 September 2000

9:15-10:45	Writing Policy and Briefing Papers Dr. Mohammed Hallaj
10.45-11:00	Break
11.00-12.00	Research (I) - A Case Study from the PCBS Yusef Salah, Director of Projects, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), Ramallah
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Research (II) - A Case Study from UNSCO Dr. Salem Ajluni, Chief of UNSCO Regional Economic Affairs Unit, Gaza
14.00-14:15	Break
14.15-15.30	Final Discussion and Wrap up



The Participants

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LEADERSHIP Program

Introduction and Background

In view of the fact that today's young generation will play a major role in the future of Palestine and that a key factor in achieving their mission is the human resource, the PASSIA program on Leadership aims at empowering young leaders to deal more effectively with the tasks ahead.

Seminar on Leadership Skills

The course was designed for Palestinian candidates, aged 25-40 years, who held a leading position (i.e., one that includes direct supervision of others) and are or have been concerned with activities that required a leadership role (e.g., contributing to the progress and development of the community).

The overall goal was to establish a general introduction to the various fields of leadership, as deemed relevant in the Palestinian context, and to develop the participants' understanding of how to lead and manage people, how to effectively motivate others and delegate tasks, and how to use newly acquired tools to improve the performance of organizations and further their goals.

Besides advertising the seminar in the local media, additional notification was given to certain organizations such as youth groups, political parties, etc. By the deadline of 14 August 2000, PASSIA had received 320 applications from all over the Palestinian Territories. A short-listed 120 applicants were invited to interviews, from among whom 26 participants were selected and equipped with preparatory reading packages and the following writing assignments, one of which they had to choose to discuss with reference to the pre-course reading and personal experience and present during one of the sessions of the lecture program:

LEADERSHIP IN PALESTINE - WHERE TO?

OR

DISCUSS AN OUTSTANDING LEADER IN THE HISTORY OF THE ARAB WORLD

The seminar on Leadership Skills itself took place from 25-27 September 2000 at the Rocky Hotel in Ramallah.

Lecture Program**DAY ONE: MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2000**

- 9:15-10:45 Opening Remarks and Leadership Challenges and Qualities - An Introduction
Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA, Jerusalem
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:30 Psychology of Leadership I
(leadership types, various personalities)
Dr. Ahmed Baker, Professor of Psychology, BZU
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:00 Psychology of Leadership II
(convincing others, dealing with conflict)
Dr. Ahmed Baker
- 15:00-15:15 Break
- 15:15-16:45 Psychology of Leadership contd.
Dr. Ahmed Baker
- EVENING:** Discussion with PLC members on "Leaders and Leadership in Palestine, Where To?"
With Salah Ta'mari, PLC member, Bethlehem Constituency

DAY TWO: TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2000

- 9:15-10:45 Decision-Making and Supervision Skills I
(taking charge, delegating work, motivating others)
Dr. Sawsan Majali, University of Jordan, Amman
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:30 Decision-Making and Supervision Skills II
(chairing meetings, building and working in teams, negotiating skills)
Dr. Sawsan Majali
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:00 Communications Skills I
(Definition and significance of information, role of media in general, communication channels)
Rami G. Khouri, Journalist, Amman
- 15:00-15:15 Break
- 15:15-16:45 Communications Skills II
(Developing goals into messages and communicating these to audiences, utilizing the media, lobbying)
Rami G. Khouri

DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2000

- 9:15-10:45 Public Relations and Campaigning
(means & tools to reach out to the public, case studies)
Dr. Albert Aghazarian, Director of Public Relations, BZU
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-13:00 PRACTICAL EXERCISE
with Rami G. Khouri and Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 Basic Research Skills (reading tables, using statistics, etc.)
Dr. Nader Said, Director of the Development Studies Program at BZU

15.30-15.45	Break
15.45-16.45	Final Discussion and Wrap up
EVENING:	"How to Run for Elections" Discussion with Dr. Rima Nashashibi, Member of the Al Gore Campaign Team for the US Presidency Elections 2000

The Participants

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Supervisor, Ministry of Education

Khaled Hussein
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Azmi El-Khatib
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Ghandi Raba'i
Lawyer

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Mohammed Shahin
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Khitam Shihada
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Ohaila Shomar
Coordinator, Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association



Dr. Sawsan Majali, University of Jordan, Amman

Sufian Sorani
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Majdi Atari
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Conferences and Workshops

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

In 2000, PASSIA was the official host of the Fourth Annual EuroMeSCo Conference, entitled "Peace and Political Transition in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Area." In 1994, PASSIA was a founding member of the Mediterranean Study Commission (MeSCo), a network of independent foreign-policy institutes and centers, which in June 1996 transformed into the EuroMeSCo framework to include institutes from non-Mediterranean European countries. Its main objective has been the creation of lasting institutional working relationships between the member organizations from the European Union, the Maghreb and the Middle East and to strengthen north-south and south-south ties and bonds between them. The conference was a great success and sent a message of solidarity to the Palestinian people and their efforts in the peace process.

24-25 January 2000, Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

EUROMESCO Conference and General Assembly (Peace & Political Transition in the Europe-Mediterranean (EMP) Area

Hosted by PASSIA

The conference was attended by over 30 delegates, representing 25 EuroMeSCo member institutes (including observers) from 19 countries. In addition, officials from Brussels and the EU Commission in Jerusalem represented the EU, while the Portuguese Ambassador in Tel Aviv and the Portuguese Representative to the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah addressed the participants on behalf of their country, which holds the current EU Presidency. Most strikingly absent were some of the Arab member states - namely Syria, Lebanon and Algeria - which still refuse to enter the Palestinian Territories via Israel. Nevertheless, seeing countries still torn by territorial and border disputes (e.g., Israel and Palestine, Greece and Turkey), sitting side by side around one table sharing their points of view and developing ideas of common interest gave new hope that one day the region might develop for the betterment of future generations.

In the opening remarks, PLO Executive Committee member Faisal Husseini welcomed the participants of the EuroMeSCo annual conference and outlined the Palestinian vision of Jerusalem as a shared open city where the two people can have their seats of power as two capitals for two independent sovereign states. Portuguese Ambassador Jose Filipe Morais Cabral signaled the importance of the Barcelona process partnership, and said that the mission before the conference was to come up with creative thinking and plans to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

During the first panel, which dealt with the issue of political cooperation within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP) area and the Euro-Mediterranean Charter, the main findings of the EuroMeSCo working groups were presented and discussed. The second session dealt with the relevance of the EMP to the Middle East Peace Process, taking into consideration that the former is considered a function of the progress of the latter.

The third session was a roundtable of Palestinian political and NGO actors, discussing the lessons and experiences drawn from the transitional period in Palestine. Hani Al-Hassan, on behalf of the PLO mainstream, spoke about the evolution of the Palestinian leadership and the difficulties of the Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations; Mohammed Jadallah discussed the opposition's role vis-à-vis the current weak Palestinian leadership and the peace process, stressing the need for more democratic participation; Ghassan Khatib explained the asymmetry of power governing the peace process in the current transitional phase that has prevented a real transition to take place so far; Izzat Abdul Hadi focused on the role of civil society in promoting democracy, the rule of law, and the concepts of transparency and accountability; and Hanan Ashrawi spoke about the role of public opinion and third parties during the transitional phase, the Palestinian disappointment with Israeli tactics and their fear of the failure of the peace process.

In the fourth and final panel EuroMeSCo's future agenda was debated, with the focus of the brainstorming session laying on research priorities for the next two years.

The conference was followed by the convening of the EuroMeSCo General Assembly to approve the report and accounts for the 1998-1999 period and to vote for a new steering committee, as well as for new members and observers.

Conference Program

Monday, 24 January 2000

- 9.00 - 10.30 OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME
Faisal Hussein, PLO Executive Committee Member, Jerusalem
HE Jose Filipe Morais Cabral, Ambassador of Portugal, Tel Aviv
Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Alvaro de Vasconcelos, IEEL, Lisbon
- 11.00 - 12.30 PROGRESS TOWARDS POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CHARTER
EuroMeSCo Working Groups' main findings
Chair: Rachid Driss, AEI, Tunis
Speaker: Roberto Aliboni, IAI, Rome
Rapporteur: Azzam Mahjoub, Tunis
- 13.00 - 14.30 LUNCH
- 14.30 - 15.30 THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP AND THE MEPP: MUTUALLY REINFORCING PROCESSES?
Chair: Elvira Sanchez Mateos, CIDOB, Barcelona
Speaker: May Dubarry, IFRI, Paris
Comments: Mohammed Shtayyeh, Managing Director, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR);
Mark Heller, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv;
Hassan Al-Barari, CSS, Amman
Rapporteur: Gamal Soltan, ACPSS, Cairo

- 16.00 - 18.00 PALESTINE IN TRANSITION: LESSONS AND EXPERIENCE
Roundtable of main political and NGO actors, including:
Chair: Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Hani Al-Hassan, PLO Central Committee Member and responsible of the PLO External Affairs Department;
Hanan Ashrawi, Secretary General, The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (Miftah), Jerusalem;
Ghassan Khatib, Head, Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC), Jerusalem;
Mohammed Jadallah, Director, Jerusalem Center for Development, Jerusalem;
Izzat Abdul Hadi, Bisan Center for Research and Development, Ramallah
Rapporteur: Volker Perthes, SWP, Berlin

Tuesday, 25 January 2000

- 9.00 - 10.30 THE EMP AND EuroMeSCo's AGENDA: SETTING RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS
Roundtable Discussion
Chair: Stephen Calleya, MEDAC, Malta
Rapporteur: George Joffé, RIIA, London
- 11.00 - 12.30 CLOSING SESSION
Antonio Jorge de Carvalho, Portuguese Representative to the Palestinian Authority (Portuguese Presidency of the European Union)
Patrick Laurent, EU Commission, Brussels
Gavin Evans, Acting Head of the European Commission Delegation, Jerusalem
Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem
Alvaro de Vasconcelos, IEEI, Lisbon
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 14.00 EUROMESCO GENERAL ASSEMBLY (MEMBERS ONLY)
Election of the Chairperson and Steering Committee; reports and accounts; admission of new members



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OTHER CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS 2000

Listed below are all conferences PASSIA was invited to attend and able to participate throughout the year 2000 (for conferences and workshops on the subject of Jerusalem see Chapter 3):

14-17 February 2000

Relation between Palestinian Government and NGOs: Partnership and Cooperation

Place: Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Welfare Association Consortium for the Management of the Palestinian NGO Project, Dahiet Al-Barid, Jerusalem

16 February 2000

The Local Government Decentralization (LGD) Project

Place: Grand Park Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Ministry of Local Government, Jericho

18 February 2000

Jordan-Palestine Relations

Place: Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Palestinian Council on Foreign Relations, Gaza

29 February-2 March 2000

International Workshop on Experiences and Perspectives of Palestinian-European Scientific Cooperation

Place: Best Eastern Hotel, Ramallah

Organized by: Ministry of Higher Education, Ramallah

28-29 March 2000

First Palestinian Environmental Symposium

Place: Al-Meezan Regency Hotel, Hebron

Organized by: Renewable Energy and Environmental Research Unit, Palestine Polytechnic University, Hebron

Attended by: Khamis Ghosheh, Public Relations' Officer, PASSIA, and PASSIA Fellow Bessan Al-Shonnar, who presented a paper on 'Environmental Assessment for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste'

25 April 2000

Board Meeting of the Arab Institute for Studies and Communication (AISC)

Place: Center of Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Participants: Salim Tamari, Institute of Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem; Adnan Al-Amine, Lebanese Center for Educational Sciences, Beirut; Khalil Shikaki, Palestinian Center for Policy Surveys and Research, Ramallah; Mustafa Hamarneh, Center of Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman; Ghassan Al Khatib, Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC), Jerusalem; Hani Al-Hourani, New Jordan Center for Studies, Amman; Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA, Jerusalem; Sa'ad Eddin Ibrahim, Ibn Khaldoun Center for Development Studies, Cairo; Salim Nasr, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Beirut.

Organized by: Arab Institute for Studies and Communication

11-12 May 2000

Civil Society and the Future State - Forth International Conference on Palestine Studies

Place: Birzeit University

First Session on Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations:

Panelists: Dr. Nazmi Ju'beh, Yasser Abed Rabbo, Dr. Ziad Abu Amr, Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

Place: Department of History and Political Science, Birzeit University

20 June 2000

Analysis of Israeli Separation Scenarios

Place: In'ash Al-Usra Society, Al Bireh

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi

Sponsored by: The General Union of Palestinian Women

21 June 2000

Recent Political Developments

Place: Bardran Hall, Al-Bireh

Speakers: Salim Al-Zanoun, Othman Abu Gharbieh

Participants: PNC members and the directors of institutions in Jerusalem, Jericho, Ramallah and Al-Bireh

5 July 2000

Future Saudi Security

Place: Royal United Services Institute for Defense Studies (RUSI), London

Hosted by: RUSI, London

Participants: Nick Abbott, Dr. Mustafa Alani, St. John Armitage, Hugh Canavan, Sir Terence Clarl, Rear Admiral Richard Cobbold, Brian Constant, Saad Djebbar, Jamal Al-Ghneim, Brian Hanrahan, Michael Harari, Simon Hendersen, Mehrdad Khonsari, Dr. John King, Captain Steve Kirby, Tim Llewellyn, Fergus Macleod, Jon Marks, Alamgir Massoud, Sir John Moberly, Sir Alan Munro, Brigitte Oppinger-Walchshofer, Brig. Gen. Bader Fahed Al-Othman, Ben Palmer, Serena Parker, Neil Patrick, William Patey, Awad Rasoul, Afif Safieh, Dr. Nadia El-Shazly, Dr. Sa'eed Shehabi, Brigadier Peter Sincok, Dr. Claire Spencer, David Tattam, Paul Taylor, Dr. Manshour Varasteh, Dr. Mahdi Abdel Hadi

6 July 2000

The Arab/Israel Conflict

Place: The Royal College of Defense Studies, London

Hosted by: The Royal College of Defense Studies / Middle East Phase, London

Speaker: Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi (lecture on The Arab-Israeli Conflict - the Palestinian Perspective)

Participants: Representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, China,

Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, UAE, UK, USA.

24-28 July 2000

Towards a Euro-Med Regional Group: From the Association Agreements to a Free Trade Area (MEFTA)

Place: Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (IEEI, EuroMeSCO Secretariat), Lisbon, Portugal

Organized by: The IEEI with the support of the Foreign Ministry under the auspices of the Portuguese EU Presidency

29 August 2000

Freedom of Expression

Place: Ramallah

Organized by: The Palestinian Legislative Council, Secretariat General

Attended by: Khamis Ghosheh, Public Relations' Officer, PASSIA;

23-24 October

The Common Foreign Security Policy and the Mediterranean: The Charter for Peace and Stability

Place: IFRI - Institut Francais des Relations Internationales, Paris

Organized: IFRI - Institut Francais des Relations Internationales, Paris

30 November-1 December 2000

The Sixth Mediterranean Dialogue Seminar

Place: Genoa, Italy

Organized by: NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Mediterranean Special Group, Italian Parliament, Italy

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi gave a presentation on the topic of: The Recent Political Developments in the Middle East

22 November 2000

The Impact of the Intifada on International Funding: Reality and Prospects

Place: Al-Bireh

Organized by: Development Studies Program, Birzeit University

8 December 2000

The Intifada: Ending the Conflicts or Interim Compromise?

Place: Ramallah

Organized by: Muwatin - The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah

The many events to which PASSIA was also invited but was unable to attend are not listed here.

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THE ANNUAL PASSIA
DESK DIARY

PASSIA first published its DESK DIARY in 1988 with the intention of presenting relevant historical facts, events, addresses and statistics related to Palestine and the Palestinian cause in a widely accessible form. At that time, PASSIA did not realize the extent of the vacuum its DIARY helped to fill, and each year since, intensive efforts have been made to continuously improve and extend the scope of the diary. PASSIA is proud to be able to say that its DIARY has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both here and abroad. Throughout each year, PASSIA updates existing information and statistics, and adds new data and facts as they become available.

Contents

The 2001 edition of the PASSIA Desk Diary contains over 350 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 2000. It is divided into three main sections 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. Amongst 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 2001 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 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
- Education (Universities, Colleges, Schools, Training Centers, Educational Institutes, and Libraries)
- Environment & Waste
- Financial & Development Institutions (Banks, Credit, Investment & Consulting Companies, Money Changers)
- Governmental Aid Missions
- Health (Hospitals, Clinics & Centers, Physicians, Pharmacies)
- Human Rights Centers & Law Offices
- International & UN Organizations
- Local and Foreign Media & Press
- Foreign NGOs Operating in Palestine
- Religious Forums & Centers
- Services (Accountants, Advertisement, Print & Design, Bookshops & Stationary, 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 2001 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 - "On the Road to Statehood" - containing chronological milestones in the Palestinian state-building process.

The third section of the Diary is the PASSIA 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 & Administration
- Jerusalem (facts & figures on the history, population, Israeli policies and practices, settlement, and housing, as well as a chronology of events throughout 2000).

The fourth and final part of the agenda comprises some graphs and figures related to Palestinian history, the PLO structure and donor coordination, a detailed Palestine Chronology 2000, a full list of PASSIA publications, as well as a selection of colored Maps, including one on the projection West Bank Final Status as most recently presented by Israel at Camp David in July 2000.

Appendices

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Each year, PASSIA's Academic and Program Committees jointly prepare proposals for projects, based on the policy guidelines of the Board of Trustees. PASSIA projects for 2000 and the financial support given towards each are listed below. PASSIA takes this opportunity to express its gratitude for the contributions made by the organizations and institutions mentioned.

1. RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM

Partly supported by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Jerusalem

2. PASSIA MEETINGS PROGRAM

Supported by Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Jerusalem

3. PROGRAM ON JERUSALEM

- Pilot Project "Rehabilitation of Arab Jerusalem - Palestinian Planning Imperatives" supported by the British Government's Small Grants Scheme via the British Consulate General, Jerusalem;
- Special Bulletin and meetings, supported by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Jerusalem
- Other activities financed by income generated from local sales of PASSIA publications

4. RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT

Supported by The Ford Foundation, Cairo

5. TRAINING AND EDUCATION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Seminar on "Israel - State, Society and Politics"

Supported by The Ford Foundation, Cairo Regional Office, through the Association of Palestinian Policy Research Institutions (APPRI), Ramallah, of which PASSIA is a founding member.

6. CIVIL SOCIETY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Supported by a grant from USAID - West Bank and Gaza Mission, Tel Aviv

7. PASSIA DIARY 2000

Partly supported by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Jerusalem

8. SPECIALIST PERIODICALS AND LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Financed by income generated from local sales of PASSIA publications

D. Networking

PASSIA is a member of the following networks and associations:

PALESTINIAN NGO NETWORK (PNGO)

The PNGO Network, established in 1995, strives to promote coordination and cooperation among Palestinian NGOs and to advocate their right to exist and function without restrictions. It is active in advancing democratic values and in strengthening the role of civil society in Palestine. At present the network has 76 members (see also <http://www.pngo.net/>).

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN STUDY COMMISSION (EUROMESCO)

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

In 1996, MeSCo's scope was expanded to include institutes from non-Mediterranean countries. EuroMeSCo strives to promote dialogue and the exchange of information between its members; to support their institution-building and research capacities, and to foster cooperation between the civil societies in the member countries. EuroMeSCo currently has 38 full members and 13 observers. (For further details see: <http://www.euromesco.net>)

THE ARAB SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK (ASSR)

ASSR strives to promote policy research, improve regional cooperation, develop research organizations, and assist researchers. It was launched in Beirut in August 1996 by a group of senior researchers from the following leading regional institutions (see <http://www.assr.org/> for more information):

- Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS), Beirut
- Lebanese Association for Educational Sciences, Beirut
- Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, Cairo
- Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, Cairo
- Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman
- Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Center, Amman
- Center for Palestine Research Studies (CPRS), Nablus
- PASSIA, Jerusalem
- The Ford Foundation, Cairo Office

ASSOCIATION OF PALESTINIAN POLICY & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS (APPRI)

In 1996, five Palestinian institutes (PASSIA, Jerusalem; CPRS, Nablus; Center for Jerusalem Studies, Jerusalem; JMCC, Jerusalem; and Muwatin, Ramallah) established the Association of Palestinian Policy and Research Institutions as an umbrella organization in order to coordinate and complement their activities, to strengthen their capacities, to create a centralized data base for their respective resources and to enhance research studies in various fields of Palestinian policy.

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