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**Palestinian Youth – with a Special Focus on Jerusalem**

PASSIA Publication, English and Arabic, 12 pages each, April 2017

This bulletin aims at providing a thorough overview over the status, statistics and living conditions of youth in contemporary Palestine. Owing to their special situation, a focus is thereby put on Palestinian youth in Jerusalem, which is geographically isolated from the rest of the West Bank and inextricably linked to the Israeli economy and polity, creating special conditions and challenges.

In particular, the bulletin presents and illustrates (with graphs, photos and tables) facts & figures pertaining to Palestinian youth and their status in society, their issues of identity, their education and employment situation, as well as forms of their political participation and activism and how these have changed over time. Also included is a selected bibliography of recent studies and papers dealing with Palestinian youth.
50 Years of Palestinian Political History 1967-2017
PASSIA Publication, English, 24 pages, May 2017

On the occasion of 50 years of Israeli occupation, this bulletin aimed at providing a brief but comprehensive overview of 50 years of Palestinian political history – from 1967 to 2017 - as seen from a Palestinian perspective.


International Law - Israeli Violations and Third Party Responsibility
PASSIA Publication, English, 24 pages, July 2017

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

The bulletin includes a comprehensive appendix listing the main Israeli violations of the different sources of international law and what obligations follow from that for Israel as well as the international community.
This bulletin portrays the situation in Jerusalem, especially with regard to the Holy Places, using the example of Bab Ar-Rahmeh/Golden Gate and the building attached to it as an actual case of threatening the "status quo" of the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem. The bulletin is based on Arabic and English sources as well as on interviews with a number of personalities from Jerusalem. It documents Israeli means and attempts aimed at distorting and falsifying the historical narrative of the city and its holy places, thereby excluding anything “Palestinian”. In doing so, the bulletin demonstrates how the entering and touring of Al-Aqsa Mosque compound by Jewish groups is part and parcel of their plan to “Israelize” the city under the guise of “developing” Jerusalem and its neighborhoods. Furthermore, the bulletin outlines the chronology of events around the case of Bab Ar-Rahmeh and the cemetery attached to it, presenting major historical and political milestones as well as a variety of references and legal texts.