

## 2. Research & Documentation Program

One of the core pillars of PASSIA's work ever since its foundation in 1987 has been its *Research Studies Program*. Under the auspices of this program, PASSIA has continuously made efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies and documentation on issues of contemporary significance and concern to Palestine and the Palestinians, with the ultimate goal to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause within its regional and international contexts.

While they often address controversial or neglected issues, allowing the expression of a wide range of perspectives, PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, and PASSIA maintains that all research and publishing is done within the context of academic freedom.

To date, this multidisciplinary endeavor has resulted in over 200 publications, researched and written by specifically contracted researchers, who, over the years, have been as diverse as the subjects covered. Authors of PASSIA publications have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts. PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

As part of the 2010/2011 Research Program, PASSIA published two research studies and seven bulletins. In addition, an updated, revised Arab version of the book *Palestinian Personalities* was published as was the English translation of the Italian original of *Hamas - From Resistance to Government?*

More information on these publications is provided below. (Information on publications printed under PASSIA projects other than the Research Program are listed in the respective chapters, see, for instance, *Jerusalem* and *Religious Studies Unit*).

## Research Studies



### European Union Foreign Policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

by **Rouba Al-Fattal**

March 2010 (English, 228 pages)

ISBN: 978-9950-305-36-6

Fifteen years after its launch, the impact of the Barcelona Process on the Occupied Palestinian Territory is in need of a reassessment. Despite some initial improvements in the political and economic structures, the EMP alone failed to anchor a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians leading to the outbreak of the Second Intifada. In response, the ENP was launched to bring a number of new foreign policy instruments which induced substantial reforms. However, Hamas' electoral win brought a halt to EU's aid and diplomacy. This boycott proved detrimental, as it widened the rift between the main parties to the point of no reconciliation. For the first time, this book aims to provide a broad picture of EU's policies toward the OPT, in order to draw lessons from them and offer proposals for the way ahead.

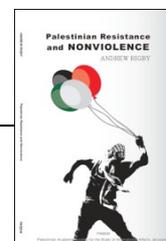
### Palestinian Resistance and Nonviolence

by **Andrew Rigby**

November 2010 (English, 80 pages)

ISBN: 978-9950-305-37-3

This research work looks at the various phases of Palestinian resistance starting with the Palestinian protests against Jewish migration and subsequent Zionist expansion under the Ottomans, then elaborating on the years of the British Mandate, the period of partition, and the lost years of the 1950s, and further examining the emergence of the PLO, Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, the first Intifada, the Oslo Process, the Second Intifada, and the growth of the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign since 2005. The author thereby outlines the different strategies and practices of resistance pursued by the Palestinians (focusing on those inside the occupied territories) over the years, and shows that these followed primarily nonviolent means – maintaining steadfastness and hope in various ways.





### Palestinians

Edited by **Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**  
 Second Edition, May 2011 (Arabic, 216 pages)  
 ISBN: 978-9950-305-00-7

The book includes short biographies of almost 1,000 historical and contemporary Palestinian personalities of all social strata and occupational groups – political elites, freedom fighters, thinkers, writers, educators, civil rights activists, and others – listed in alphabetical order. Each entry contains biographical information on lives and activities of persons, including basic facts, such as birth and death dates and places, as well as information on education, employment history, positions held, achievements made, works published, etc., accompanied, where available, by a photograph.

### Bulletins

#### NAKBA 1948

by **PASSIA Team**  
 May 2010 (Arabic, 40 pages)

This bulletin present a comprehensive illustrated Palestinian record of the *Nakba*. It outlines how and that - after gathering momentum with the establishment of the Jewish National Fund, whose express purpose was the acquisition of Arab land in Palestine, Syria and the Sinai, in 1901 - the process of the *Nakba* continues to this day through the discriminatory and expansionist practices of the Israeli establishment, facilitated by the support or soft criticism of the international community that has been an integral part of Israeli strategy for the past 60 years.



#### Notes on Jerusalem and Palestine in the Arab Political Speech

by **Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**  
 September 2010 (Arabic, 20 pages)

Palestine and the Question of Jerusalem witnessed changes and developments in its geopolitical situation since the Palestinian *Nakba* in 1948. This bulletin analyzes the following five main events through different Arab positions, statements and deeds concerning Palestine and Jerusalem: (1) the 1929 Al-Buraq uprising in Jerusalem and the first Islamic conference 1930; (2) the various Arab initiatives for Arab unity (Amman, Baghdad, Beirut, Cairo) in the 1940-50s; (3) the partition of Palestine in 1947; (4) the crisis of Arab leadership during and

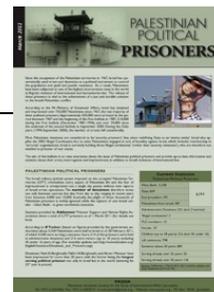
after the 1948 War; and (5) the 1967 June War and the fall of Jerusalem and all of Palestine into Israeli hands. The bulletin includes names and photos of Arab leaders as well as maps covering the different periods discussed.

### **Palestinian Political Prisoners**

by *PASSIA Team*

March 2011 (English, 8 pages)

Since the occupation of the Palestinian territories in 1967, Israel has systematically used arrest and detention as a political instrument to control the population and quell and punish resistance. As a result, Palestinians have been subjected to one of the highest incarceration rates in the world in flagrant violation of international and humanitarian law. This Bulletin aims to raise awareness about the issue of Palestinian political prisoners and provide up-to-date information and statistics about their arrest, interrogation and imprisonment, in addition to Israeli violations of international law.



### **Palestinian-Israeli Negotiations & The Issues at Stake**

by *PASSIA Team*

June 2011 (English, 16 pages)

Over the past six decades, there have been numerous attempts to find a political formula to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Yet, the current 'peace process,' launched in the early 1990s, remains a complicated and unresolved issue. Although there is no doubt that peace is a political necessity, emphasis has perceptibly been on process and the achievement of a durable agreement seems increasingly out of reach. The impasse in the negotiations reveals how little, if at all, remains of the basic notion that both parties to the conflict have something to offer the other in exchange for what they themselves want. It appears that Israel has become accustomed to the way things are and sees no urge to change the status quo: it is in control of all the issues at stake, including land, natural resources, and people, while its own economy is flourishing. At the same time, nobody has emerged from the international community willing to take serious action against Israeli illegal acts or bring the occupation to an end. So far, the process has failed, but it will inevitably continue. The intention of this bulletin is to examine past efforts and expose the apparent intractability of this conflict by looking at both the existing state of affairs and the differing views regarding the so-called permanent status issues, i.e., Jerusalem, borders, refugees, settlements, water, and security.

**Israeli Settlement Activities & Related Policies in Jerusalem**

by **PASSIA Team**

3<sup>rd</sup> revised and updated edition October 2011 (English, 24 pages)

For details see Chapter on **Jerusalem**

**The Second Arab Awakening and the Question of Palestine**

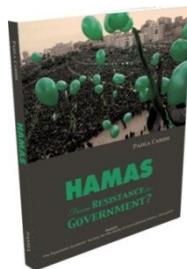
by **Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi**

December 2011 (English)

This bulletin covers the evolution of the Arab political regimes since the last years of the Ottoman era and the first Arab Awakening during World War I until the second Arab Awakening which we are witnessing today. The bulletin explains and analyzes the three major schools of thought – Islamic, Pan-Arab, and Leftist-Socialist – that have characterized and shaped Arab regimes during the time of the Arab elites’ rule (1920-1947), the period of military regimes (1950s-early 1970s), and the rise of political Islam since the 1970s onwards. Also discussed is the current Arab Awakening and the call of the youth for national dignity, equality, and a democratic, pluralistic and civic state that is associated with it.



**Translation**



**Hamis - From Resistance to Government?**

by **Paola Caridi**

February 2010 (English- translated from the Italian original by Andrea Teti, 320 pages)

ISBN: 978-9950-305-34-2

Hamis has used terrorism and suicide attacks, it has challenged Yasser Arafat’s authority, it has survived the death of many of its leaders, and, in 2006, it was democratically elected by the majority of the Palestinian people. What lies behind the mystery of Hamis, a movement torn between militant resistance and welfare, between pragmatism and ideology, and *suddenly thrust into the role of the sole effective government*? Why has the movement gained so much recognition among a basically secular people? And why has it not melted away like snow in the sun when the entire West isolated it from the rest of the world? Using a combination of news and archival sources, describing settings, and giving voice to its protagonists, Caridi attempts to answer these and other

questions, showing that Palestinian political Islam is multi-causal and cannot be considered a passing phenomenon. Caridi's book provides a first-hand investigation into the movement and tries to reveal some of the unknown characteristics of an organization that in some ways is still clandestine, thus presenting a far more complex picture than the one conveyed by the media.