

## **Gaza: What Lies Ahead**

While there is little doubt that Gaza continues to exist in a state of crisis, the West Bank remains quiet on the issue. This lack of discussion, much less movement, has left many in Gaza feeling isolated and alone. In response, PASSIA set out to Ramallah in order to stir up debate and arouse the consciousness of diplomats, academics, and the population at large.

The first step was to bring Omar Sha'ban, the Chairman of the PalThink Institute for Strategic Studies and a resident of Gaza, to Ramallah to give a talk on the political and social climate in Gaza. Mr. Sha'ban outlined the Gazan perspective with regard to the Hamas-Fateh rift, relations with Israel and Egypt, and the status of the Palestinian people as a single, cohesive entity. Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Sha'ban looked toward the future, presenting one vision of how reconciliation could be achieved. The following paper comes as a result of that discussion.

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