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RESEARCH STUDIES PROGRAM

Since its foundation in 1987, PASSIA has undertaken its Research Studies Program. To date, this program has resulted in over 200 publications researched and written by PASSIA team members or by specifically contracted researchers. Over the years, our authors have been as diverse as the subjects covered. They have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts.

In its efforts 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 maintains that all research and publishing are done within the context of academic freedom. PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, yet they often address controversial or neglected issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives.

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 its 2023 Research Program, PASSIA published a bulletin on *The Nakba – 75 Years on* and a *Needs Assessment on Youth Development and Empowerment in East Jerusalem*.

The Nakba – 75 Years On

English and Arabic, 16 pages, June 2023

This bulletin presents the Palestinian narrative of the history of the events preceding and surrounding the 1948 Nakba and shows that it was not merely a historical event, but is an ongoing process of Israel's settler-colonialist strategy, dispossessing indigenous Palestinians and segregating them under Israeli control to this day.



THE NAKBA: 75 YEARS ON

INTRODUCTION

As Palestinians mourn the 75th anniversary of what is commonly known as Al-Nakba i.e., the expulsion and dispossession of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their homes in 1948 and the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem, Palestinians still struggle for their freedom, rights, and independence.

The Nakba remains the root cause of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and is engraved in the hearts and minds of all Palestinians. Since that first wave of displacement, entire generations of Palestinians have been born scattered around the world, but no matter where they live, their call for freedom and self-determination has never ceased. To this date, Palestinians have defied all Zionist and Israeli attempts to force them out of the country; in fact, their numbers have now exceeded that of the Jews.¹ Despite all Israeli attempts at erasing or distorting their history and memory, despite all political setbacks and failed negotiations, and despite all involvement of the international community providing little but a broad base for continuing oppression and theft of their land, Palestinians remain steadfast and determined to resist occupation. Despite the suffering they have endured for the past 75 years, they have proven that they will not relinquish their historical and legal right of return to their homeland nor their demand that Israel acknowledges its moral and political responsibility for this ongoing tragedy and the gross injustice inflicted on them.

This bulletin is the revised and updated edition of a similar bulletin published by PASSIA in 2018; it presents the Palestinian narrative of the history of the events preceding and surrounding the Nakba and shows that the Nakba was not merely a historical event, but is an ongoing process of Israel's settler-colonialist strategy, dispossessing indigenous Palestinians and segregating them under Israeli control to this day.

¹ The number of Palestinians and Israelis was estimated to be equal at the end of 2022 (PCHR, Palestinians at the End of 2022, December 2022). According to Professor of Geography at NABA, University Anwar Al-Jarrah, who wrote an article that 47% of the population in historical Palestine (then more or 47% remained in Israel and the West Bank, demographer says), Times of Israel, 30 August 2022.

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Needs Assessment on Youth Development and Empowerment in East Jerusalem

English and Arabic, 80 pages, July 2023

This report describes the process and outcome of a *Needs Assessment on Youth Development and Empowerment in East Jerusalem*, which PASSIA implemented in partnership with Taawon (Welfare Association). The goal was to conduct a comprehensive stocktaking of existing resources and opportunities for youth in East Jerusalem and to survey the opinions of youth themselves in order to provide a solid foundation for Taawon’s further strategizing, planning and programming in Jerusalem.

The needs assessment focused on identifying the needs of Palestinian youth in East Jerusalem across six sectors (education, employment, heritage/identity, culture/arts, community development, and sports/leisure) and proposing recommendations to address those needs. The needs assessment was conducted using a mixed-methods approach that included desk research, focus group discussions and questionnaires. It hopes to contribute to design and implement the actual needs and challenges faced by the target group.



- Specific TVET education, e.g., tourism with community-based approach (tour guides, artisan production, cultural events), recycling, renewable energy, interior design, mechanics, hospitality, etc.
- Programs providing quality school education.
- Supporting youth education in universities with scholarships.
- Projects for preparing young leadership.
- Programs that create a generation of Jerusalemite musicians qualified and able to teach and spread music, facilitate youth's access to music, enhance their cultural participation and protect the cultural identity of Jerusalem.
- Promoting cultural exchange that helps open up to new ideas; Musical exchange travels of the Qamun Group of the Jerusalemite Youth Culture Forum to Europe.

Youth

In total, 151 young people participated in the questionnaires/interviews, 74.8% of them male and 25.2% female. Their average age was 25.2 years and the highest educational attainment for the majority was a BA degree (52.3%), followed by Tawjihi (20.5%) and MA day (18.5). They came from 17 different neighborhoods, with 15.9% of the respondents only living "Jerusalem or Al-Quds" without specifying which part of the city they were from. Of those who did, the majority was from Isawiya and Beit Hanina (15.2%) each and Shu'fat (11% of the total), 53% were currently employed, and half of those who were not stated they had been employed in the past.



Key Challenges in the Education Sector:

- Limited budgets, dependence on external funding and agendas
- Lack of a long-term vision for the East Jerusalemites' human capital development
- Poor extracurricular activities
- Lack of research on schooling
- Limited teachers' training
- Lack of a unified supervisory umbrella for the system
- Weak use of modern technology
- Limited programs for weak students, dropouts and children with special needs
- High dropout rates
- Shortage of schools and classrooms/substandard facilities
- Israeli plans and incentives towards Israelization of the curriculum
- Distorting Israeli occupation's impact on children and youth
- Negative image of vocational education

Existing Programs and Organizations (selection¹¹):

- There are numerous donors supporting education, such as UNESCO, UNICEF, UNWRA, the Norwegian Representative Office/Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.
- **Faisal Hussein Foundation** works to upgrade schools – infrastructure and teaching methodologies – to enhance the educational learning process. This includes renovation and maintenance of buildings, classrooms, libraries, etc., teachers and school management training, teacher training and activities for students, such as science clubs, reading contests, extracurricular activities, and educational trips as well as programs for children with learning disabilities (<https://www.hfpa.org/en/header>).
- **Saraya Center for Community Services** offers a social-educational program in the Old City that targets school students with poor academic performance aged 6-12, teachers, parents and students from Palestinian universities in an attempt to reduce the dropout rate from schools and promote volunteerism (<https://www.alsaraya-center.org/>).
- **Al-Nayyaf** specializes in education, mentoring and research in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and runs a number of participatory and hands-on educational programs to stimulate learning and build competencies (<https://alnayyaf.org/>).
- **Enabel's RISE** Project runs till 31 July 2023 and aims to strengthen the resilience of the Palestinian community by improving access to education, school infrastructure and public spaces. This includes improving both the physical school environment and wellbeing in the schools, and an integral educational approach to foster life skills amongst students.

JERUSALEM

The Question of Jerusalem remained a focus of PASSIA's activities during 2023. Activities included roundtable meetings, briefings, academic research, documentation, publication, and cooperation with other institutions.

For events or meetings related to religious issues and Al-Aqsa Mosque please see the chapter on the *Religious Studies Unit* below.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

11 January 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem Issues under the New Israeli Government

Participants: U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, Jerusalem: John W. Robbins, Political Officer; Rosaline Antar, Political Specialist; Sylvia Amer, Academic Programs Manager; Elie Teichman, Education & Exchanges Officer, Emily Green; PASSIA: Adnan Joulani, Consultant; Ines Amarnath, Intern; Lauren Draper, Intern; Rihan Taha, Intern.



18 January 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

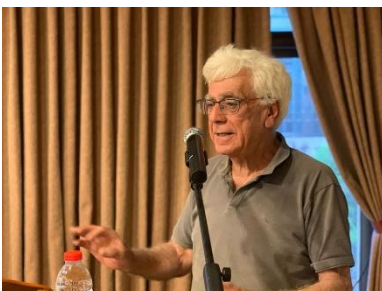
Topic: Jerusalem and the United Nations (UN) Presence

Participants: Richard Dictus, UN Regional Director, Development Cooperation Office for the Arab States, Shifa Jayousi, Project Coordinator, UNSCO; PASSIA: Adnan Joulani, Consultant; Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Ines Amarnath, Intern; Lauren Draper, Intern.

15 May 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Education and other Palestinian Civil Society Concerns in Jerusalem

Participants: Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA): Martina Tenko, Political Officer; Minas Rajabi, Information Analyst & Press and Communication Officer; PASSIA: Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director; Edgar Paysant, Intern.



31 May 2023, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Crisis of Leadership in Jerusalem

Organizer: PASSIA & FES.

Participants: Over 70 Palestinians and representatives from international organizations and diplomatic missions.

08 June 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Crisis of Leadership in Jerusalem

Participants: Dr. Helga Baumgarten, Professor, Birzeit University; Prof. Imad Khatib, Executive Vice-President for Jerusalem Campus, Al-Quds University; Yousef Dajani, Member, Council for Waqf & Islamic Affairs; Dr. Inad Al-Sorkhi, Researcher; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.



04 July 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Situation and Living Conditions of Palestinians in Jerusalem

Participants: Students from the Vienna School of International Studies.

07 September 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The New Israeli Five-Year Plan for East Jerusalem

Participants: John W. Robbins, Political Officer, U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, Jerusalem; Ghassan Abu Ahmad, OPA; Dr. Rami Nasrallah, Chairman, International Peace and Cooperation Center (IPCC); Tharaa Qirresh, Engineer; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



BRIEFINGS

3 January 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Current Political Developments in the Light of the New Israeli Government; Domestic Political Matters (Including Elections and Reforms), and the Implications for Jerusalem

Participants: Oliver Owczar, Head, German Representative Office, Ramallah; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Lauren Draper, Intern, PASSIA; Ines Amarnath, Intern, PASSIA.



16 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Current Political Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Participants: Lerato Ralejalla, Political Secretary, South African Representative Office, Ramallah; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.

20 July 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem

Participants: Phadime Choshane, Embassy Counsellor of the Republic of South Africa, Tel Aviv.



23 August 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Current Situation in Jerusalem

Participants: Quentin Lopinot, Deputy Head of Mission, Consulate General of France; Pierre-Arnaud Blanchard, Deputy Consul, Political Advisor, Consulate General of France; Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches, Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

05 September 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The Youth Movement in Palestine - The Case of Jerusalem

Participants: Kensuke Yamamoto, Senior Assistant Professor, School of International Relations, Japan.



25 October 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: On Jerusalem Issues

Participants: Ofer Zalzburg, Middle East Program Director, Herbert C. Kelman Institute; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATION

PASSIA's ongoing research on Jerusalem includes the **documentation of events** in or related to the city, which is regularly updated and published on PASSIA's website. Besides factsheets and articles, this primarily includes a detailed chronology, listing Israeli rights violations such as home demolitions, land confiscations, assaults, and arrests, as well as political decisions, meetings, statements by local and international stakeholders, and related matters, thus making key information easily accessible for everyone interested in studying or tracing a specific past event that occurred in the city of Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM VIOLATIONS CHRONOLOGY 2023*	
<p>Jan. 3: Israeli extreme-right minister Itamar Ben-Gvir tours Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for the first time since becoming a minister, engaging Palestinians and Muslims worldwide who see the move as a provocation. The move draws international criticism, led by the UN and the US, with White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre calling a change to the status quo of Jerusalem's holy sites "unacceptable" and State Department spokesman Ned Price saying the US was "deeply concerned".</p> <p>Jan. 4: Over 30 graves at the historic Christian cemetery on Mount Zion in Jerusalem are toppled and vandalized, in what appears to be a hate crime by two young Jews.</p> <p>Jan. 5: The Israel Antiquities Authority, the City of David Foundation and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority announce in a joint statement their intention to fully excavate the 2,700-year-old biblical Siloam Pool in Silwan and add it to the "Pilgrims Route" trail from the Western Wall to the southern edge of the "City of David". Palestinians and other critics see it as part of Israeli plans to expand Jewish presence in the area.</p> <p>Jan. 6: Israeli and Palestinian envoys to the UN trade heated barbs at a UN Security Council meeting over the controversial and other critics see it as part of Israeli plans to expand Jewish presence in the area.</p> <p>Jan. 7: On a warrant from National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israeli Police break up a Parent-Teacher Association meeting in Igalla claiming it was linked to the PA, which the PTA denied.</p> <p>Jan. 10: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) warns against any Israeli assault on the Al-Aqsa Mosque and calls for imposing sanctions on far-right Israeli Minister of National Security, Itamar Ben-Gvir, for violating the sanctity of the site, which was a "serious provocation that hurts the feelings of Muslims all over the world and in a blatant violation of international law, relevant UN resolutions, existing historic and legal situation in Al-Quds [Jerusalem] and its sanctities and all relevant international norms".</p> <p>Jan. 11: In Anata, Israeli forces demolish four structures built near the separation barrier, as well as a 10-year-old retaining wall and a container set up on Waqf-owned land, resulting in the destruction of its contents.</p> <p>Jan. 17: At Lion's Gate, Israeli forces prevent the Jordanian ambassador to Palestine, Ghassan Al-Majali, from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque, saying "he had not received prior permission to visit. In response, the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs summons the Israeli ambassador in Amman."</p> <p>Jan. 18: Israeli forces demolish a two-story house belonging to the Sagor family.</p> <p>Jan. 18: Israeli forces and settler groups raise and spread trees in the Wadi Al-Rababa neighborhood of Silwan.</p> <p>Jan. 18: A diplomatic delegation of 35 representatives and consultants from the EU visits Al-Aqsa Mosque and is briefed by Waqf Director General Azzam Al-Khatib, Director of Al-Aqsa Mosque Omar Kilani, and Waqf Council members on recent developments.</p> <p>Jan. 19: Ahead of US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's visit, the Jerusalem Municipality's Planning Committee postpones the advancement of a new plan to massively expand the Mughrabi enclosure inside Jabal Mukabbab by adding 100 new residential units and 275 hotel rooms ("The Zahav").</p> <p>Jan. 22: Muslimin Al-Qadiri is forced to demolish his under-construction family home in Ras Al-Amud.</p> <p>Jan. 22: Muslimin Al-Qadiri is forced to demolish his under-construction family home in Ras Al-Amud under the protection of police, with some raising the Israeli flag and performing collective public prayers. MK Yitzhak Kleizer of the far-rightwing Otzma Yehudit Party calls for settlers to continuously storm Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.</p> <p>Jan. 25: Israeli forces distribute demolition decisions and warnings in Silwan refugee camp, who killed a soldier last year, clashes erupt during which Muhammad Ali (Abu Salah), 17, is shot and killed.</p>	<p>- The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan asks the Israeli authorities to allow it to build a fifth minaret at Al-Aqsa Mosque, a plan pending for many years due to Israeli refusal.</p> <p>Jan. 26: In the evening, Israeli settlers attack an Armenian Taborian Wine Bar near the Old City's New Gate, hurling chairs at the restaurant and diners and adjacent shopkeepers.</p> <p>Jan. 27: Wafiq Abu Ramot, 16, dies of wounds sustained two days earlier during clashes in Silwan.</p> <p>Jan. 27: Chayri Algam, 21, from Al-Shawab, carries out a shooting attack outside a synagogue in the Neve Yaacov settlement near Beit Hanina, killing 7 settlers before being shot dead himself.</p> <p>Jan. 28: In Neve Yaacov two days earlier.</p> <p>Jan. 29: In Ras Al-Amud, Israeli forces seal the family home of Khairy Algam, who perpetrated the attack owned by Akram Qadiri.</p> <p>Jan. 30: In Jabal Al-Mukabbab, Israeli forces demolish a wall, a commercial structure and levelled a plot of land owned by Akram Qadiri.</p> <p>Jan. 30: In Jabal Al-Mukabbab, Israeli forces in Israel files an objection to the Jerusalem District Planning Committee, the US Ambassador to Israel, Thomas Nides, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken against the plan to build the US embassy in Jerusalem on illegally confiscated Palestinian land. The objection was filed on behalf of 12 of the descendants of the original land owners, which include four US citizens, three Jordanian residents, and five East Jerusalem residents.</p> <p>Jan. 31: In Jabal Mukabbab, a public strike is observed in protest of Israeli home demolitions in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Feb. 1: Israeli forces demolish a wooden room belonging to the Salah family in Silwan.</p> <p>Feb. 1: In Sur Baher's Wadi Al-Hummus area Israeli forces demolish walls and a floor of a building belonging to the Amira family.</p> <p>Feb. 2: A Jewish American tourist knocks down and breaks a statue of Jesus with a hammer in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City, shouting "You can't have idols, this is the holy city", before being arrested by Israeli police.</p> <p>Feb. 3: Salah Qadiri is forced to self-demolish his family home in Jabal Mukabbab.</p> <p>Feb. 3: Dozens of Jewish extremists guarded by police tour the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, many of whom perform religious rituals.</p> <p>Feb. 6: Israel announces a plan, pushed for by Itamar Ben Gvir, to demolish a four-story residential building in Silwan that houses at least 100 people. After international pressure, Prime Minister Netanyahu delays the demolition.</p> <p>Feb. 10: Hussein Qaracac, 31, from Issaviva is shot and killed after ramming his car into a bus stop in Ramot settlement, killing two and injuring five others. Qaracac was reportedly mentally ill and had just been released from a psychiatric clinic.</p> <p>Feb. 10: A large number of Israeli police enter Issaviva, raid Qaracac's home, and arrest several family members and acquaintances, including his wife, father and brother.</p> <p>Feb. 11: Following the car-ramming in Ramot settlement, Israeli rightwing Security Minister Ben-Gvir ordered police to prepare for "Operation Defensive Shield 2," referring to the military operation during the second intifada.</p> <p>Feb. 11: Israel orders the demolition for being built without a permit.</p> <p>Feb. 12: Israeli forces close the house of the family of Hussein Qadiri in At-Tur.</p> <p>Feb. 12: In a video message to the Cairo Conference on Supporting the City of Jerusalem and its Population, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres states "The position of the United Nations is clear: The status of Jerusalem cannot be</p>

(See also PASSIA's Needs Assessment on Youth Development and Empowerment in East Jerusalem under the Research Studies chapter above).

RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT

PASSIA's Religious Studies Unit was established in 1998 after realizing the increasing need for a better understanding of religious issues and the various religious communities. The Unit promotes inter-faith dialogue and activities, dealing chiefly with the causes and consequences of problems within and between the religious communities as well as the political repercussions of religious conflict, which naturally has a focus on Jerusalem's holy sites and here in particular Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

28 January 2023, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Challenges Facing Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Ash-Sharif

Participants: Dr. Wasfi Kilani, Hashemite Fund for the Restoration of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, Member, Islamic Waqf Council; Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director of the Islamic Waqf Department, Member, Islamic Waqf Council; Eng. Alaa Salhab, Engineer and Businessman, Member, Islamic Waqf Council; Adnan Joulani, Consultant, PASSIA.



30 January 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Challenges to the Status Quo at Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif under the New Israeli Government

Participants: Prof. Imad Khatib, Executive Vice President for Jerusalem Campus, Al-Quds University; Mustafa Abu Zahra, Chamber of Commerce, Jerusalem; Maher Daoudi, Senior Program Manager, Humanitarian Assistance, Consulate General of Sweden; Jamal Al-Aref, Consultant; Shifa Jayousi, Project Coordinator, UNSCO; Waad Qannam, Project Coordinator, PalVision; Nadeen Yousef, Advocacy Officer, Pal-Vision; Eng. Alaa Salhab, Engineer and Businessman, Member, Islamic Waqf Council; Adnan Joulani.



15 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Muslim and Christian Communities in the Old City of Jerusalem

Participants: U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, Jerusalem: John W. Robbins, Political Officer; Rosaline Antar, Political Specialist; Kristen Fresonke; Political Officer, US Embassy, Amman; PASSIA: Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director.

02 March 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Status Quo at Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif

Participants: Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank & Gaza Strip, UNRWA): Martina Tenko, Deputy Head, Political Section; Samah Jaouny, Programme Manager, East Jerusalem Programme; Patrice Budry, Attaché, Programme Manager - East Jerusalem Programme; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



02 March 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Trond Bakkevig, Special Advisor, Norwegian Center for Conflict Resolution (NOREF); Ingrid Rosendorf Joys, General Secretary, the Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL).

29 April 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif

Participants: Pastor Ryan Speakman, Minister, Author & Speaker, These Final Days (US); Mark Roach, Research Assistant, These Final Days; Benjamin Irons, Media Manager, These Final Days; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Lauren Draper, Intern, PASSIA.



13 June 2023, Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem.

Topic: EU and Jerusalem - Holy Places

Organizer: Islamic Waqf Council.

Participants: Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, and Islamic Waqf Council members.



13 July 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Australian Delegation.

10 August 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Question of Jerusalem and the Islamic and Christian Holy Places

Participants: Prof. Burhanettin Duran, General Coordinator, SETA Foundation, Washington, D.C; Yücel Acer, Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law, Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Ankara; Kılıç Buğra Kanat, Research Director, SETA Foundation; Mehmet Akif Kireççi, Dean of Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Member, Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the Turkish Presidency; Kadir Üstün, Executive Director, SETA Foundation; Ayşegül Taşkapu Duran; Cengiz Eroglu, Director, Turkish Cultural Center; Semra Demirer, Deputy Consul General; Dr. Bernard Sabella, Vice Chairman of PASSIA, Executive Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches, Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Member, Islamic Waqf Council, Jerusalem; Dr. Munir Nuseibah, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Director, Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic and Community Action Center, Al-Quds University; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.



BRIEFINGS



25 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque/ Al-Haram Ash-Sharif and the Holy Month of Ramadan

Participants: Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director, Islamic Waqf Council, Jerusalem.

25 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Investment and Development of the Waqf Islamic Property

Participants: Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman, Head, Al-Quds Holding, Former Member, of Islamic Waqf Council; Mahdi Sinokrot, Chief Operations Officer, Sinokrot Holding.



22 March 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Shinji Hirose, Senior Analyst, Middle East and North Africa, International Analysis Department, Sumitomo Corporation Global Research Co. Ltd., Japan.

09 May 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Trond Bakkevig, Special Advisor, Norwegian Center for Conflict Resolution (NOREF); Ingrid Rosendorf Joys, General Secretary, Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL).



20 May 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Al-Asa Mosque/AI-Haram Ash-Sharif

Participants: Sheikh Azzam Al-Khatib, Director, Islamic Waqf Council, Jerusalem.

27 July 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Situation of Muslim Religious and Cultural Heritage

Participants: Björn Kühne, Head of Regional Office, Office of the EUSR for the Middle East Peace Process; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.



02 August 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Amb. Ahmed Riza Demirer, Consul General of Turkey, Jerusalem; Semra Demirer, Deputy Consul General of Turkey; Cengiz Eroglu, Director, Turkish Cultural Center, Jerusalem; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.

12 August 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Jerusalem and the Holy Places

Participants: Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward-Thinking, UK; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.



05 September 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Muslim Religious and Cultural Heritage

Participants: Björn Kühne, Head of Regional Office, Office of the EUSR for the Middle East Peace Process, Jerusalem; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

21 October 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque During the Current Situations

Participants: Sheikh Abdul Azim Salhab, Head, Council of Waqf & Islamic Affairs; Mazen Sinokrot, Businessman, Head, Al-Quds Holding, Former Member, Islamic Waqf Council; Mahdi Sinokrot, Chief Operations Officer, Sinokrot Holding.



28 November 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque

Participants: Matthew Tostevin, Standards Editor, Newsweek, New York; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.

07 December 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Al-Aqsa Mosque

Participants: Jason Morris, Political Consul, British Consulate-General Jerusalem; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA



DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Since PASSIA's foundation in 1987, its Dialogue Program has striven to promote free expression within Palestinian society and to foster a better understanding of Palestinian affairs, be they in the domestic or international context. In providing a forum for dialogue and exchange, PASSIA has been serving as a catalyst for civic debate.

Central to these efforts has been the presentation and analysis of a plurality of Palestinian perspectives and approaches on a wide range of subjects broadly related to the Palestine Question – whether through roundtable meetings, briefings or media appearances. As part of the former, Speakers are invited (and sometimes a discussant as well) to lecture on a certain Topic, followed by a discussion with the audience present. These **roundtable meetings** aim to promote thought and debate among Palestinians and between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts. In order to accommodate a larger audience attending those meetings 'public lectures', most of them take place in hotel halls (in Jerusalem or Ramallah). Speakers, discussants and Participants usually include local and foreign figures from a variety of backgrounds and schools of thought: scholars, professionals, officials and intellectuals from Palestine, Israel and abroad; members of Palestinian NGOs, political factions and the media, as well as representatives of diplomatic missions.

PASSIA **briefings** are a venue for encounters, dialogue and discussions involving representatives and organizations from various backgrounds. Briefings typically focus on current Palestinian affairs and are designed to build bridges of communication and understanding between Palestinians from different streams of society and to develop constructive and focused academic contact between Palestinians and their counterparts. They include meetings in which resident diplomats, visiting foreign delegations or student groups from international universities discuss Palestinian affairs and exchange thoughts and opinions concerning the situation in the Palestinian Territories.

Media appearances are encounters with resident and visiting correspondents and journalists, mostly in the form of interviews.

PASSIA also receives invitations to meetings with diplomats and visiting foreign dignitaries at other venues helping to consolidate relationships and forge connections between Palestinians and their foreign counterparts.

All meetings were attended by Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Head of PASSIA. The summary or full text of some meetings, as well as related materials, can be found on PASSIA's website (<http://passia.org/meetings/54>). For meetings on Jerusalem or on religious issues please see the corresponding chapters in this report.

MEETINGS



22 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Prevailing Situation in Palestine

Participants: Judith Braun, Junior Guest Researcher, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

Jerusalem: Interns, FES Office, Tel Aviv: Carolin Ordon; Paul Hansen.

03 April 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Cooperation 2023

Participants: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem: Hannes Alpen, Director; Islam Abdul Jabbar, Program Manager; Judith Braun, Junior Guest Researcher; PASSIA: Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director; Lauren Draper, Intern.



04 April 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Regional Developments and their Implications for the Palestinians

Participants: Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA): Ramesh de Silva, Head of Political Section; Ingrid Bohlin, Political Officer; Minas Rajabi, Information Analyst/Press & Communication Officer; PASSIA: Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director; Lauren Draper, Intern.

15 April 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: The European Stance Towards Recent Developments in Palestine and Israel

Speakers: Dr. Muriel Asseburg, Senior Fellow, Africa and Middle East Research Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs.

Participants: Dr. Hani Abdeen, Professor at Al-Quds University, former PA Health Minister; Jamal Al-Aref, Consultant; Khaled Khatib, Director, Palestinian Heritage Museum, Hind Hussein Foundation (Dar Al-Tifl Al-Arabi), Jerusalem; Hannes Alpen, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Jerusalem; Islam Abdul Jabbar, Program Manager, FES; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Lauren Draper, Intern, PASSIA.



19 April 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Security Forces and the Current Situation

Participants: Brigadier-General S. Mark Parsons, USSC Deputy Coordinator, Operation/Comd Task Force Jerusalem, Operation Proteus; Osama Wazwaz, Senior DND Officer; Operation Proteus; Corporal Naomie Leblanc; Captain Christopher McIver; Jonathan Séguin, USSC DCOORD Staff Officer; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Lauren Draper, Intern, PASSIA.



03 July 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Two-State Solution: Is it Still Viable?

Participants: US Office of Palestinian Affairs, Jerusalem: George Noll, Chief; John W. Robbins, Political Officer; Rosaline Antar, Political Specialist; Chelsea Kinsman; Prof. Imad Khatib, Executive Vice-President for Jerusalem Campus, Al-Quds University; Dr. Hani Abdeen, Professor at Al-Quds University, former PA Health Minister; Khaled Khatib, Director, Palestinian Heritage Museum, Hind Hussein Foundation (Dar Al-Tifel Al-Arabi); Dr. Adel Ruished; Fatmeh Hammad, Consultant, UNFPA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Nawwal Salaimh, Intern, PASSIA; Jenna Kitts, Volunteer, PASSIA; Lauren Cusick, Volunteer, PASSIA.



30 August 2023, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem.

Topic: Regional Developments and Their Implications for Palestine,

Speakers: Diana Buttu, Palestinian lawyer, writer and analyst.



18 October 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Current Situation and What Lies Ahead

Participants: Brigadier General Trevor Teller, Task Force Commander PROTEUS; Colonel Robert Bailey, Deputy Commander; Lieutenant Colonel Travis Haines, Training Officer; Major Glen Persuad, Operations Officer; Captain Nicolas Oulettee, General's Assistant; Osama Wazwaz, Advisor to the General; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.



BRIEFINGS



02 March 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Recent Developments in the Region

Participants: Niko Fritscher, Political Secretary, German Representative Office, Ramallah; Christian Rosenberger, Political Secretary, German Embassy, Tel Aviv.

25 May 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: The State of the Two-State Solution

Participants: Diane Corner, British Consul General, Jerusalem; Annabel Mitchell-Gears, Political Consul, British Consulate General, Jerusalem; Deniz Altayli, Program Director; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director.



21 September 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Palestinian Security Forces

Participants: Captain Sara Little, Security Advisor, Operation PROTEUS, Canadian Forces; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

13 November, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Israel's War on Gaza

Participants: Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, London; Jordan Morgan, Director of Programs, London, Forward Thinking; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.





04 December 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Israel's War on Gaza

Participants: Oliver McTernan, Director, Forward Thinking, London; Jordan Morgan, Director of Programs, London, Forward Thinking; Deniz Altayli, Program Director, PASSIA.

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN EAST JERUSALEM

In 2023, PASSIA embarked on a special project that aimed to examine the problematic issue of the high rate of Palestinian school dropouts in Jerusalem, to tackle the causes and the consequences of the issue, and to understand the different barriers and opportunities for young men and women as well as the contributing factors in the Palestinian education sector.

As part of the project, an in-depth desk and field research study on school dropouts was conducted and resulted in the publication of the study report and of a guiding booklet on possible career pathways for school dropouts in East Jerusalem.

MEETINGS

23 August 2023, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem.

Topic: The Reality of School Dropouts in East Jerusalem

Speaker: Yahya Hijazi, *Educational Consultant*

Organized by: PASSIA in partnership with Al-Rajaa Organization



20 September 2023, Legacy Hotel, Jerusalem.

Topic: Options for Dropouts - Towards Improving Life and Career Prospects for Dropouts

Facilitator: Adnan Joulani, *Executive Director, PASSIA*

Speaker: Marlene Rabadi, *Consultant*

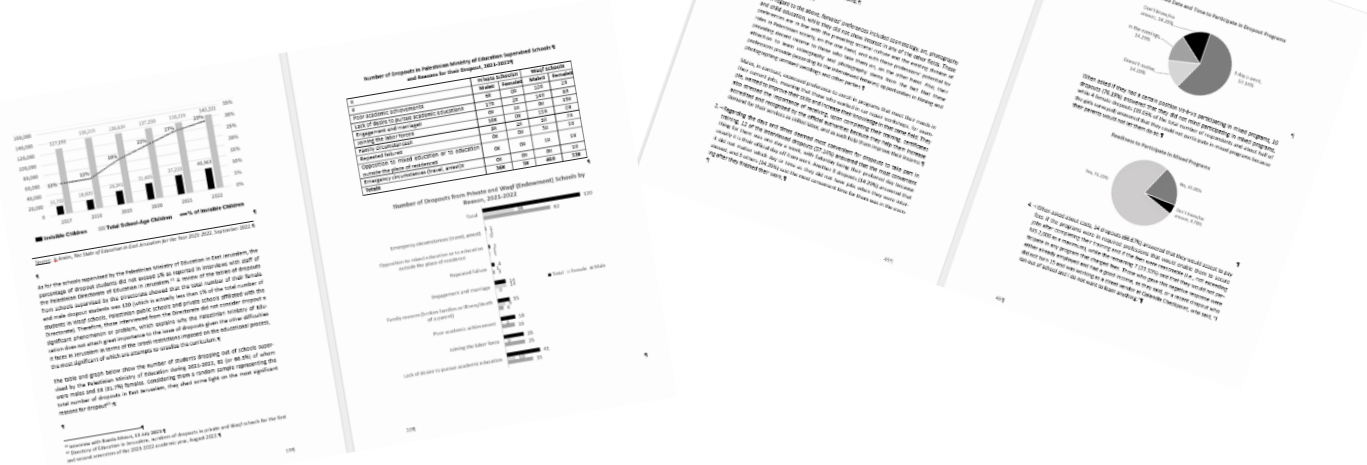
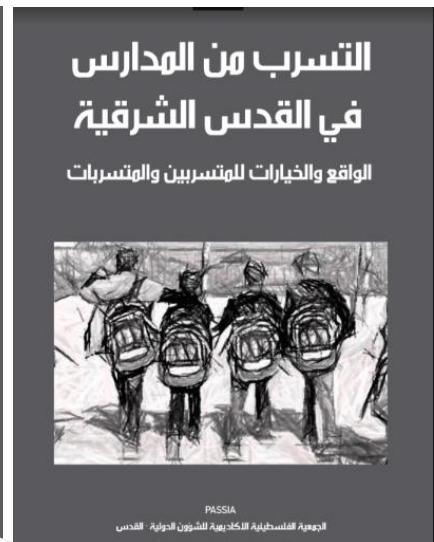
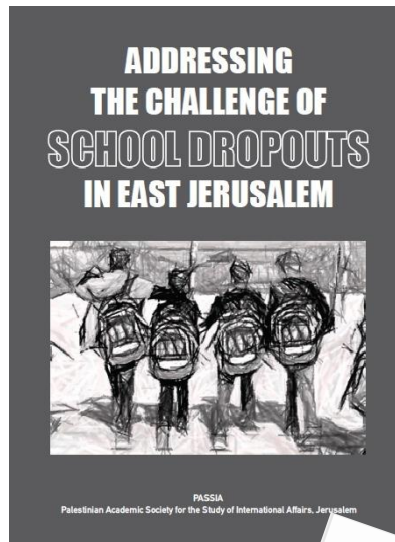
RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

This study examines the challenge of dropouts in East Jerusalem and looks at ways and means on how to facilitate sustained (re)engagement in education or training for them as one of the most vulnerable groups in East Jerusalem society. The study has set itself the task of looking into existing options for dropouts and assessing whether these are sufficient, successful and readily available, and if not, suggesting alternative measures and programs to support young Palestinians who left compulsory education to obtain skills which are required to enter the occupational field that corresponds best to their potential.

Addressing the Challenge of School Dropouts in East Jerusalem

English and Arabic, 79 pages, July 2023

Youth who drop out lack access to relevant education and training opportunities and are therefore unable to further develop basic livelihood skills, which often makes them one of the most vulnerable segments of society. This is why this study addressed the challenge of dropouts in East Jerusalem and gathered information about existing options for early school leavers as well as identify potential remedies to getting them back into the loop – not least as a means to reduce poverty and social disintegration.



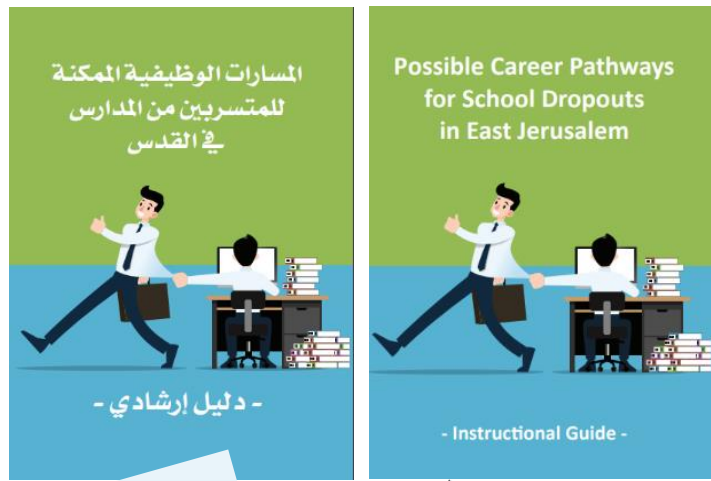
Possible Career Pathways for School Dropouts in East Jerusalem

English and Arabic, 20 pages, November 2023

Whatever the reason for dropping out of school this guide shows that it is not the end of the world but could be the beginning of a different journey. There are still things Palestinian school dropouts from East Jerusalem can do to prepare themselves for a good future, and this booklet intends to guide them through the options at hand.

It includes guidance on how to identify the career that fits one best in order to help make the most suitable educational and job-related choices and find out how to learn the skills needed to excel in whatever choice one makes.

It lists courses, programs and activities that address direct or indirect dropouts and are currently available in East Jerusalem.



FOSTERING YOUNG PALESTINIAN JERUSALEMITES ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP TOWARDS MEANINGFUL CIVIL AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

This project was developed against the background of the living conditions in East Jerusalem which create a context that leaves little perspectives for Palestinians in general and the youth in particular. In addition, while youth constitute a major share of the society and while there is a range of organizations in Jerusalem dedicated to youth work or targeting youth in one way or another, they hardly appear as civic actors and are barely represented in decision-making processes.

Thus, Palestinian youth and young adults living in East Jerusalem do not currently use their potential as active citizens and there still a major gap between desired and actual participation. Past initiatives that started promising in their attempts to achieving a more inclusive and participatory political role proved short-lived and faded away. Given the fact that today's youth are the future, there is an urgent need to counter this trend.

Identifying the barriers and obstacles to participation is a prerequisite for a meaningful engagement of young people. The goal of the project was thus to explore the physical, social, cultural and political barriers to youth participation and engagement, particularly within the special context of Jerusalem, and look into the kind of interventions needed to overcome these.

In achieving this, the project:

- provided a forum where youth can share perspectives in constructive dialogue;
- facilitated discussion among youth on issues that affect their social, legal, economic and political status;
- increased the ability of youth to understand and claim their rights as well as advocate for social change in their local communities.

Activities under this project that took place in 2023 included structured dialogue with youth groups (focus group meetings) to elaborate on the principles of youth inclusion and empowerment and identify entry points for enhanced youth engagement.

In 2023, the project also focused on questionnaire-based interviews with key informants and youth to gain additional insights. The results - together with the findings from the 2022 SWOT analysis and the focus group discussions – will be published in a report in early 2024.

In addition, several training programs were conducted focusing on specific skills required for proper participation. At the conclusion of the project in 2024, there will be a youth-led conference on the topics explored in this project.

MEETINGS

28 January 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem

Topic: Youth Political Participation and Representation in Jerusalem

Facilitator: Adnan Joulani, Consultant, PASSIA

Participants: Zeina Ayyad, Employee; Tharaa Qirresh, Engineer; Hasnia Shouli, Student; Basel Abed; Nisreen Abu Zayyad, Employee; Anwar Awad Allah, Al-Zaytoona Society; Khadr Nijem, Tour Guide; Ratebeh Natsheh, Activist; Canadian Representative Office, Ramallah: Inas Odeh, Political and Public Affairs Officer; Rana Sandouka, CFLI Coordinator; PASSIA: Hind Hussein; Rihan Taha, Intern.





6 February 2023, Al-Quds University, Beit Hanina Campus, Jerusalem

Topic: Youth Political Participation and Representation in Jerusalem

Facilitator: Inas Qadamani, Journalist

Participants: Al-Quds University Students: Laith Dabbagh; Mohammad Abu Sbeih; Waseem Khader; Saja Attiya; Amir Burqan; Hind Hussein, PASSIA.

27 February 2023, PASSIA, Jerusalem.

Topic: Youth Political Participation and Representation in Jerusalem

Facilitator: Inas Qadamani, Journalist

Participants: Saro Nakashian, CEO, Palestine Education for Employment; Farah Abu Zant, Director of Social Work, Burj Al-Luqluq; Ayoub Joulani; Rana Amad, Manager, Palestine Desk, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung; Khaled Khatib, Director, Palestinian Heritage Museum, Hind Hussein Foundation (Dar Al-Tifel Al-Arabi); Khaled Daoudi; Director of Research and Development; Talaat Alawi, Owner, Al-Safeer Economic Newspaper; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA.



27 February 2023, PYALARA, Jaba'

Topic: Youth Political Participation and Representation in Jerusalem

Facilitator: Inas Qadamani, Journalist

Participants: Nour Muheisen, Student, Journalism; Arwa Salaymeh, Student, Journalism; Fida' Mohammad, Student, Social Service; Saja Tawwam; Amani Tawwam, Fresh Graduate, Geography and Civil Studies; Ola Barakat; Ahlam Tawwam, Student, Special Education; Intesar Hmeid, Student, Social Work; Moyassar Hammodeh, Student, Social Work; Lina

Taha, Student, Social Work; Rasha Rimawi, Student, Social Work; Afaf Khalil, Student, Social Work; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA.

28 February 2023, Women's Center, Shu'fat Refugee Camp.

Topic: Youth Political Participation and Representation in Jerusalem

Facilitator: Inas Qadamani, Journalist

Participants: Sarah Sinokrot; Aytam Daraghmeh; Halimeh Hoshiya; Mariam Kroshan; Najieh Orrab; Ayda Abed Al-Nabi; Hanan Abu Nab; Abeer Abu Sondos; Dua' Abu Asab; A'qad Wahbeh; Dua Adan; Ayat Adan; Ruba Natsheh; Hamedeh Natsheh; Nijmeh Bakeer; Eman Hamdan; Asma' Mohammad Ali; Adnan Joulani, Executive Director, PASSIA; Hind Hussein, PASSIA.



QUESTIONNAIRES

The project to answer the questions of if and how the capacity of young Palestinian Jerusalemites as civic actors can be developed, how they can be encouraged to become engaged with central issues of (their) concern, what skills are needed to equip them to make their voices heard, and what active steps must be taken to give them the space to be their own agents of change. In order to gain insights in these and related questions, PASSIA designed two specific questionnaires, one to be used in interviews with key informants and the other in interviews with the use themselves.

The key informants' questionnaire was designed to learn from the experiences of those involved in community work involving youth and to get a better understanding of the reasons, obstacles and potentials for youth participation.

The other questionnaire targeted the youth directly and looked at forms of past and current participation of young people and explored what motivates or stops them from getting (further) involved, what are the issues they are interested in, and assessed the opportunities for participation.

The image displays two overlapping questionnaires. The top one is titled 'KEY INFORMANTS QUESTIONNAIRE' and the bottom one is 'YOUTH ENGAGEMENT/PARTICIPATION IN JERUSALEM QUESTIONNAIRE'. Both are bilingual, with Arabic text on the left and English text on the right. They feature the Canada 150 logo and the title 'FOSTERING YOUNG PALESTINIAN JERUSALEMITES ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP TOWARDS MEANINGFUL CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION'. The questionnaires include sections for general information, assessment of opportunities for participation, and barriers to participation. The bottom questionnaire has a 'BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION' section with a list of potential obstacles such as 'Lack of awareness', 'Lack of resources', and 'Lack of interest'. The top questionnaire has a 'GENERAL INFORMATION' section with fields for name, date of interview, age, gender, and neighborhood.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

17 June 2023, JEST, Jerusalem

Introduction to Policy and Influencing

Facilitator: Khalil Abu Khadija, *Advocacy, Communications & HR Consultant*



Course Outline:

- Understanding Political Campaigning
- Key Elements of a Political Campaign
- Crafting a Compelling Campaign Message
- Targeting and Mobilizing Voters
- Building a Strong Campaign Team
- Utilizing Social Media for Campaign Success
- Interactive Session: Q&A and Sharing Experiences
- Grassroots Organizing and Community Engagement
- Fundraising Strategies for Political Campaigns
- Reflection and Closing Remarks



14 September–10 December 2023

Debating Skills (five sessions)

Facilitator: Dr. Rania Al-Muhtadi, *Assistant Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Al-Quds University; Certified Judge and Trainer, Qatar Debate Center.*



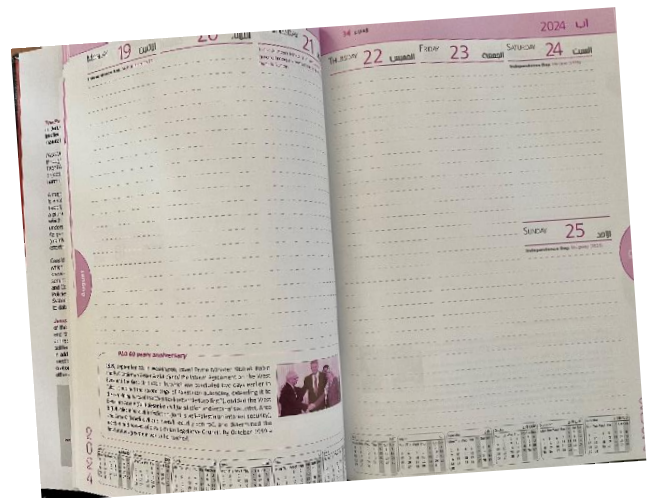
PASSIA DESK DIARY

In 2023, PASSIA published the 36th edition of its annual Desk Diary, which is divided into three sections - the Calendar, the Directory, and the Agenda. The Diary provides a comprehensive “tool” for anyone working in or on Palestine or interested in the Palestine Question. The current edition was updated, amended and revised according to new information that had become available throughout the year. On over 300 pages, the 2024 PASSIA Desk Diary contains a directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza (listing names, addresses, main activities), as well as a full day-to-day planner (calendar) for the year, and a comprehensive compilation of statistics, facts and figures related to Palestine and the Palestinians. PASSIA is very proud to say that its diary has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both locally and abroad.



Calendar

The first section of the Diary includes all the standard features of a calendar, 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. On each calendar page, the 2024 edition contains informative textboxes related to the history and evolution of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to mark the 60th anniversary of its founding.



Directory:

This part of the Diary contains the Directory listing Palestinian and international institutions operating in Palestine as well as selected Arab and Israeli organizations located in Israel. Entries include names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a few keywords describing an organization’s main field of work. At the end of the directory there is an alphabetical index to facilitate searches for certain entries. In the 2024 edition, entries included the following:

State of Palestine

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

- PLO Executive Committee & Departments
- Palestinian National Council
- PLO Delegations Abroad Representation in International Bodies

Palestinian Authority (PA)

- President's Office (Departments, Advisors)
- Ministries (PMO, Cabinet Office)
- Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
- Attorney General-General Prosecution
- High Judicial Council
- Supreme Judge Department
- The Upper Council of Sharia Jurisdiction
- PA Institutions, Councils & Commissions
- Police and Security
- Local Government Administration
- Governorates, Municipalities & Councils

Political Parties and Factions

- Fateh Bodies and Offices

Academic and Research Centers

Agriculture

Associations & Unions

Chambers of Commerce

Charitable Organizations

Culture

- Art & Galleries
- Cultural & Folklore Centers
- Film & Cinema
- Literature
- Museums
- Music & Dance
- Theater

Democracy & Community Development Centers

Diplomatic Missions

- Consulates
- Representative Offices to the PA
- Embassies

Education

- Universities
- Colleges
- Training & Vocational Centers
- Schools
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Institutes
- Libraries

Environment & Water

Financial & Development Institutions

- Banks
- Investment, Financial Consulting & Credit Companies

Governmental Aid Missions

Health

Human Rights & Law

- Human Rights Centers
- Law Offices
- Lawyers

International & UN Organizations

Israeli Activist Groups

Media & Press

- Palestinian
- Internet Press
- Newspapers & Media Services
- Radio & TV Stations
- Arab TV
- International
- Israeli

NGOs

- Coordinating Groups
- Canadian NGOs
- European NGOs
- US NGOs
- Others & International NGOs

Palestinian Organizations in Israel

Religious Forums & Centers

- Islamic
- Christian



Restaurants & Cafés Services

- Accountants
- Advertisement, Print & Design
- Bookshops & Stationary
- Business & ICT Incubators
- Car Rentals
- Computers, Software & Information Technology
- Courier & Express Services
- E-mail & Internet
- Insurances
- Management & Development Consulting
- Photo Studios & Video
- Planning & Engineering
- Real Estate

- Telecommunication & Office Equipment
- Translation & Editing
- Other Services

Sports Clubs & Fitness Centers

Trade - Import/Export

Travel & Tourism

- Airlines
- Hotels & Resorts
- Hospices & Guesthouses
- Recreational & Touristic Sites
- Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators
- Taxis & Transport

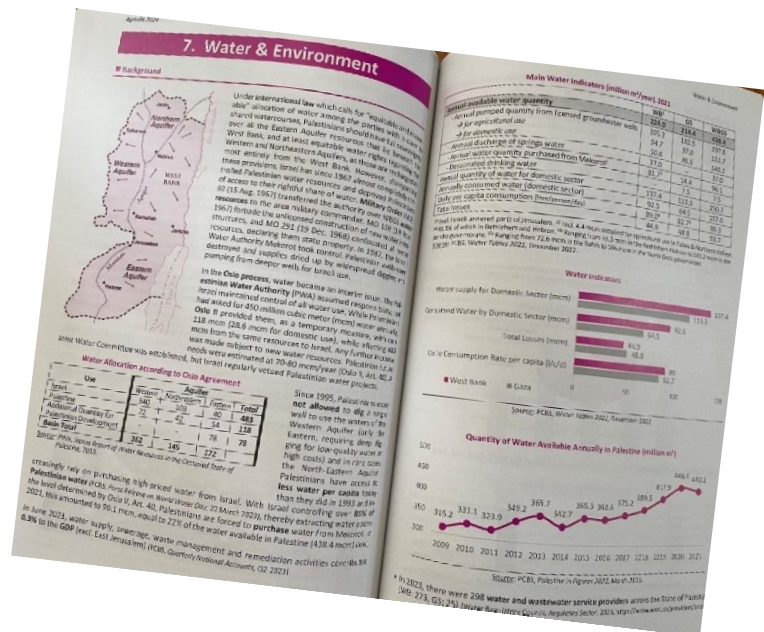
Women's Organizations

Youth Organizations

The Agenda

The Diary's third and final section is the Agenda, which is a yearbook-style compendium of information. It contains a wealth of the latest facts and statistics about Palestine and the Palestinians, supported by tables, illustrative graphs, and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The Agenda is divided into the 14 main and several sub-chapters, dealing with the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question:

1. Palestine at A Glance
2. Israeli Occupation
3. Geography
4. Population
5. Refugees
6. Land & Settlement
7. Water & Environment
8. Economy
 - 8.1. Background & Overview
 - 8.2. Agriculture
 - 8.3. Industry & Private Sector
 - 8.4. Labor Market & Employment
 - 8.5. Tourism
 - 8.6. Trade
 - 8.7. Finances
9. Education
10. Health



11. Infrastructure

- 11.1. Housing & Construction
- 11.2. Electricity & Energy
- 11.3. Transportation & Roads
- 11.4. Communication

12. Society & Living Conditions

12.1. General Social Features

12.2. Household & Living Conditions

13. Government

13.1. Administration

13.2. Elections

13.3. Rule of Law

13.4. Police & Security

13.5. Negotiations

13.6. State of Palestine

14. Jerusalem

14.1. Historical Facts & Figures

14.2. Legal Status

14.3. Jerusalem in Negotiations

14.4. Population

14.5. Residency Rights

14.6. Housing & House

Demolitions

14.7. Land & Settlement

14.8. The Old City

14.9. Education

14.10. Employment &

Poverty

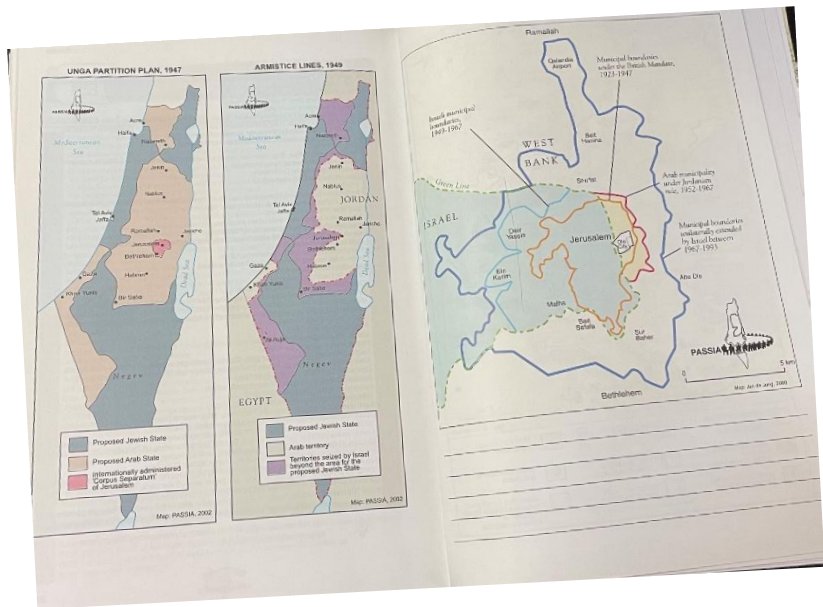
14.11. Israeli Municipal

Policies

Timeline - Milestones in

Palestinian History

Maps



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Dialogue Program

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Needs Assessment on Youth Development and Empowerment in East Jerusalem

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Addressing the Challenge of School Dropouts in East Jerusalem

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Supported by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI), Ramallah

PASSIA Desk Diary

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LIST OF AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

Ever since its foundation, PASSIA has been extensively engaged in publishing and documenting. Currently, the following studies, monographs, research world and reports are available (for more information and/or to order, please visit our website at www.passia.org or email us at passia@passia.org):

NO	TITLE	AUTHOR	Arabic/Engl.	DATE
1.	The Conservation of Jerusalem	Khaled A. Khatib, Jerusalem	E	June 1993
2.	The Law of the Land: Settlement & Land Issues under Israeli Military Occupation	Raja Shehadeh, Ramallah	E	July 1993
3.	Strategic Studies & Security: Seminar 1993	PASSIA Seminar Report	E	July 1993
4.	The Jerusalem Arab Municipality	Osama Halabi, Jerusalem	A	1993/2000
5.	Dutch Development Policy Towards the Middle East	Tom de Quaasteniet, Amsterdam	A	May 1994
6.	Jerusalem Women's Organizations During the British Mandate, 1920s-1930s.	Ellen Fleischmann, Georgetown University	A/E	Mar. 1995
7.	The Israeli Disengagement Plan 1995	Jawad Ja'abari, Jerusalem	A	1995/2001
8.	One Year Into Self-Government - Perceptions of the Palestinian Political Elite	Helena Lindholm Schulz Gothenburg University	E	Sept. 1995 Oct. 1997
9.	NGOs and Freedom of Association: Palestine & Egypt- A Comparative Analysis	Denis J. Sullivan, Northeastern University, Boston	E	Dec. 1995
10.	Women in Contemporary Palestine - Between Old Conflicts and New Realities	Maria Holt CAABU, London	A/E	May 1996
11.	The Judaization of Jerusalem - Israeli Policies Since 1967	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1996
12.	Seminar 1996: Foreign Policies of Arab States	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	April 1997
13.	PASSIA Seminar 1997: Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Aug. 1997
14.	Neighborhood Councils in Arab Jerusalem	Izhaq Al-Qutub, Jerusalem	A	Nov. 1997
15.	Palestine-Jordan-Israel: Building A Base for Common Scholarship and Understanding in the New Era of the Middle East	Various Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli Authors PASSIA, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1997
16.	Municipal Policies in Jerusalem - An Account from Within	Amir Cheshin, Jerusalem (transl. from Hebrew by L. Perlman)	E	Aug. 1998
17.	Seminar 1998: The US & Canada: Political Systems, Policy-Making and the Middle East	PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Oct. 1998
18.	Israeli Settlement Policy in Jerusalem: Creating Facts on the Ground	Allison B. Hodgkins, Jerusalem	E	Dec. 1998
19.	Dialogue on Palestinian State-Building and Identity – PASSIA Meetings 1995-1998	Ed. by Mahdi Abdul Hadi, PASSIA Publication, Jerusalem	E	Jan. 1999
20.	Abraham in the Three Monotheistic Faiths	Prof. Avigdor Shinan, Fr. Maroum Lahham, Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway	E	Dec. 1999

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