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### **NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS**

The Israeli cabinet approved the construction of a new settlement near the border with the Gaza Strip. The new settlement will house around 500 families and it will be named as "Hanun"; thus even stealing the Palestinian names.

Additionally, they approved plans to build a new illegal settlement in occupied Jerusalem. The project will involve the destruction of Palestinian businesses in Wadi Al-Joz neighbourhood.

Although Israel claims that the new development will be built in "Silicon Valley", plans show that it will be built upon the ruins of more than 200 shops and other properties owned by Palestinians. Most of these properties have been there since before the 1967 Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem. At least 500 acres of Palestinian-owned land will be confiscated for this illegal act.

### **ISRAEL UPROOTS PALESTINIAN OLIVE TREES**

With the olive harvest season, Palestinians are facing heightened attacks by Israeli settlers, with added uncertainty due to the economic devastation caused by COVID 19.

Israeli soldiers and bulldozers blocked an area in Taybeh village and demolished a house, which was close to the Israeli separation wall that runs through the village's land.

In the town of Salfit, north of the West Bank, Israeli bulldozers razed and uprooted almost 60 olive trees.

The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem has so far documented at least 29 incidents linked to the olive harvest season, notably in the northern West Bank, 21 of which were perpetrated by settlers and three by Israeli armed forces.

### **EU & UN CALLS ON ISRAEL TO STOP DEMOLITION**

The European Union (EU) called on Israel to stop the demolition of Palestinian homes in the occupied territories. EU Spokesperson Peter Santo SAID: "This week, Israeli forces demolished more than 70 structures, including residential, livelihood and sanitation facilities, belonging to 11 Palestinian families with 41 children in Khirbet Hamsa Al-Foqa, in the northern Jordan Valley... This large-scale demolition confirms once again the regrettable trend of confiscations and demolitions since the beginning of the year... There are currently 52 Palestinian schools under threat of demolition."

The Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim for the occupied Palestinian territory, Yvonne Helle, said that the Israeli authorities have carried out their largest demolition operation in years against Palestinian structures in the occupied West Bank.

## PALESTINE & COVID 19

### CURRENT STATUS

There have been so far over 63,031 confirmed cases of COVID 19 infection, 54,346 recovery cases, number of currently infected patients 8,120 and 565 deaths.

### FEMALE PALESTINE TEACHER WINS GLOBAL TEACHER AWARD 2020

Palestinian teacher Asma Mustafa has won the Global Teacher Award 2020.

Asma Mustafa an English Teacher in Halima Al Saadia Intermediate School for Girls, north of the besieged Gaza Strip, graduated from the English language department at the Islamic University of Gaza in 2008.

One of her creative works was writing books such as *The Forty-Five Games to Teach English to Non-Native Speakers* and *Educational Trips Around the World to Teach English Language Skills*.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, Mustafa started the Teachers Behind Screens initiative aimed at training teachers virtually.



## PUBLICATIONS

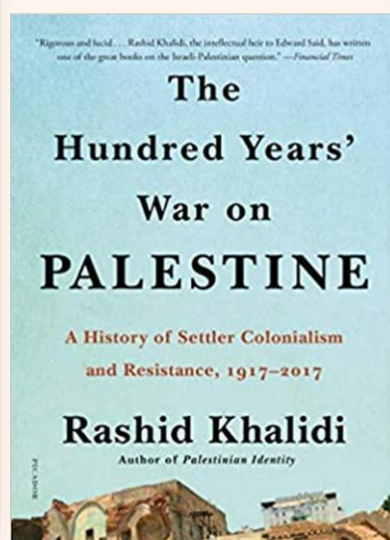
### BOOK TITLED: "THE HUNDRED YEARS' WAR ON PALESTINE: A HISTORY OF SETTLER COLONIALISM AND RESISTANCE, 1917-2017"

This book is a landmark history of one hundred years of war waged against the Palestinians from the foremost US historian of the Middle East, told through pivotal events and family history.

Some Reviews:

"Rigorous and lucid . . . Rashid Khalidi, the intellectual heir to Edward Said, has written one of the great books on the Israeli-Palestinian question." —Financial Times

"A book of witnessed historical accounts and enlightening deep analysis ... I doubt if my experience of reading this great intellectual contribution could have been any more enriching." —Mondoweiss



## Palestine and Hungary



### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Acting Head of Mission met with the State Secretary for the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy and the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dr. Orsolya Pacsai-Tomassich.
- Meeting with Fidesz MP and Chair of Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee Németh Zsolt.
- Meeting with the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Freund Tamás.
- Meeting with the Balázs Ádám Samu Head of International Relations of the Fidesz.
- Meeting with Ara-Kovács Attila Member of the European Parliament from Hungary from the Democratic Coalition.
- Meeting with Varga-Damm Andrea an independent Member of National Assembly of Hungary.
- Attending Farewell lunch for the Saudi ambassador at the invitation of the Moroccan ambassador.
- Meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway.
- Palestine flag was flown at half-mast in condolences of the death of Dr. Saeb Erekat.
- A statement was issued in commemoration of the anniversary of the martyrdom of the late President Yasser Arafat.



**PICTURE OF THE MONTH****YASSER ARAFAT  
(1929-2004)****The Icon of the Palestinian Cause**

Yasser Arafat was born in 1929 with the name Muhammad Abd al-Ra'uf al-Arafat al-Qudwa. He martyred in mysterious circumstances on Nov. 11 2004 from complications stemming from a blood disorder at the age of 75. He first became active in Palestinian politics while an engineering student in Cairo in the early 1950s, where he headed the Union of Palestinian Students.

Yasser Arafat, as President of the State of Palestine, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Chairman of Fatah, led throughout four decades with resolve and commitment the aspirations of our people towards the establishment of the Palestinian State aiming to build with dignity a future of opportunities and inclusion for all Palestinians.

Many were the achievements of President Arafat for which he will be long remembered and recognised.



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## ARTS

### PALESTINIAN FILM FEST

In the main hall of the Ramallah Cultural Palace, the annual Palestine Cinema Days film festival got underway on 20 October under exceptional circumstances.

The week-long event consisted of 30 film screenings that took place across a number of Palestinian cities including Gaza, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Haifa. A diverse selection of local and international films were shown, including from Afghanistan, Sudan, Lebanon, Italy, Syria and France.

The Palestine Cinema Days festival, which ranges between six to 10 days, has been held annually in October since its launch in 2014, with the aim of placing Palestine on the global filmmaking industry map, as well as to promote local and international films to contribute to the revival of cinema culture in Palestine.

The festival is also typically accompanied by panel discussions, filmmaking workshops, and networking opportunities with international filmmakers and producers.

## AGRICULTURE

### OLIVE OIL HARVEST SEASON

Farmers in Palestine kicked off the olive harvest season to produce oil amid restricted coronavirus regulations which was imposed by local authorities.

Around 3,300 hectares of lands are planted with olive trees in Gaza, with an annual production of about 24,000 tons in normal weather conditions.

There are more than nine million olive trees in Palestine, and nearly 80 percent of them are more than 100 years old. In the village of al-Walaja near Bethlehem, there is an ancient olive tree known as al-Badawi. Scientists say its age ranges from 4,000 to 5,000 years old.

Palestinian farmers have repeatedly been attacked by Israeli settlers as they harvest their prized olive groves with more than 1,000 trees burned down or damaged.



## SPORTS

### PALESTINE FULL MEMBER AT THE WORLD AMPUTEE FOOTBALL FEDERATION

The World Amputee Football Federation agreed to approve the state of Palestine as a member of the union with full powers. With this decision Palestine will be the first Arab member in the union, and the second Asian country after the state of Turkey.

## EVENTS IN PALESTINE

### CONCERTS

Nov. 5: Second Young Talents Concert by the students at Barenboim-Said for Music.

### EXHIBITIONS

Nov. 8: The Curators' Tour Printed in Jerusalem: Mustamloun is organized by the Palestinian Museum and presented by Baha Jubeh and Abdel-Rahman Shabane. The event explored the relationship between Jerusalemites and the political, educational, commercial, cultural, and touristic publications.

### CHILDREN EVENTS

Nov. 4: I-Deal sessions target children between the ages of 10 and 15 years to build their resilience through drama.

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