

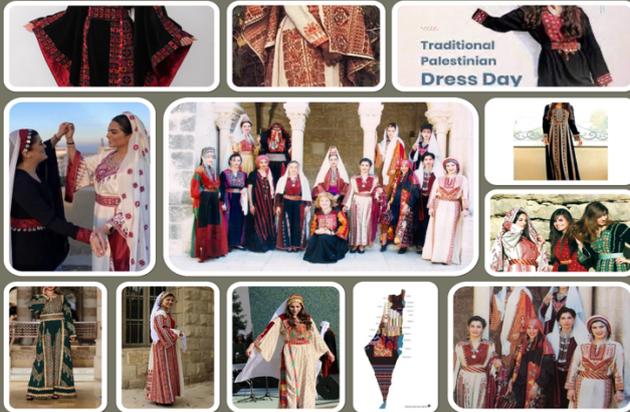


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**510 SETTLEMENT
UNITS TO BE
BUILT NEAR
BETHLEHEM**

Israel approved the development of a plan to build 510 housing units for Jewish settlers in illegal settlements in the south and east of Bethlehem.

Some 400 of these housing units are intended for construction in Migdal Oz settlement, which was built on land belonging to Beit Fajjar town in southern Bethlehem. The remaining 110 units will be built in the settler outpost of Ibei Hanahal, which was built on land belonging to Kisan town in eastern Bethlehem.

Settlements are illegal under international law; however, Israel does not class them as such and says their plight will be agreed in future negotiations.

**LARGE SCALE
DEMOLITIONS IN
JORDAN VALLEY**

During this month Israeli forces conducted large-scale demolitions in Jordan Valley.

On August 4, Israeli forces escorted bulldozers into Khirbet Ibbiq, where the heavy machinery has been tearing down residential structures and livestock sheds and sabotaging water tanks and solar panels.

On July 27, The Israeli forces stole two farm tractors in the Palestinian hamlets of Ein al-Hilweh & Ras al-Ahmar, and ordered the demolition of a water well. Humsa has also witnessed demolitions of homes and clinics.

The valley, which is a fertile strip of land running west along the Jordan River, is home to about 65,000 Palestinians and makes up approximately 30% of the West Bank.

**80% OF GAZA
POPULATION SUFFER
POWER SHORTAGE**

On August 2, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) announced that 80% of the population of the besieged Gaza Strip suffer from severe power shortages

“80 percent of Gaza’s population live much of their lives in the dark, with only 10-12 hours of electricity per day,” the ICRC said in a recent study, warning that the issue had become “extra problematic during the peak of summer.”

The report added that the power cuts were posing a “threat to the health and daily life for Gazans, with the majority of the population being unable to refrigerate food and wastewater treatment plants unable to operate.”

“While some can afford additional electricity supply through generators at least 500,000 people cannot afford additional power, so they are forced to spend most of their day without electricity,” the ICRC pointed out.

PALESTINE & COVID-19

CURRENT STATUS

There have been so far over 346,872 confirmed cases of COVID, 341,059 recovery cases and 3,881 deaths.

There is a slight increase in the index of people testing positive for COVID-19, compared to a decrease in the index of recovery cases. Delta accounts for 75% of COVID-19 cases that started to spread in the West Bank.

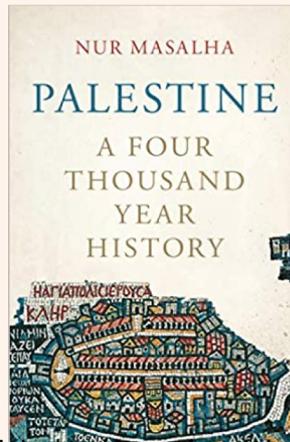
COVID-19 AND MORE

Concerns in Gaza over the possibility over halting emergency and scheduled surgical operations in all government hospitals, this halt is due to the severe shortage of Nitrous gas since the occupation prevented its entry since the beginning of this year 2021.

In fact, the facilities need 120 Nitrous gas cylinders monthly, each cylinder containing about 27 kg of gas.

A BOOK TO READ

Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History



This rich and magisterial work traces Palestine's millennia-old heritage, uncovering cultures and societies of astounding depth and complexity that stretch back to the very beginnings of recorded history.

Starting with the earliest references in Egyptian and Assyrian texts, Nur Masalha explores how Palestine and its Palestinian identity have evolved over thousands of years, from the Bronze Age to the present day. Drawing on a rich body of sources and the latest archaeological evidence, Masalha shows how Palestine's multicultural past has been distorted and mythologised by Biblical lore and the Israel Palestinian conflict.

In the process, Masalha reveals that the concept of Palestine, contrary to accepted belief, is not a modern invention or one constructed in opposition to Israel, but rooted firmly in ancient past. Palestine represents the authoritative account of the country's history.

PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



EVENTS & MEETINGS

- The Embassy of the State of Palestine extends its wishes to all those celebrating Eid al-Adha in Hungary and around the world for a peaceful, prosperous and happy Eid.

#SAVESHEIKHJARRAH

Israeli Supreme Court tells Sheikh Jarrah residents to reach agreement with settlers trying to displace them

This is a decision asking the owner of the land to take permission from the thief to stay home and eventually some agreement will be reached?!

The Supreme Court held a hearing on August 2nd on the case of four Palestinian families facing expulsion by Israeli settlers in occupied East Jerusalem.



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**“THOBE” PALESTINIAN TRADITIONAL DRESS
IT IS MORE THAN A DRESS, IT IS AN ENTIRE COUNTRY’S CULTURAL
IDENTITY**

Traditional Palestinian Dress Day marks 25 July of every year. “Thobe” is the traditional dress that women wear in Palestine. Different regions in Palestine have their own style. The Palestinian are distinguished by their dresses, each is signified by the nature of its geography. The Palestinian dress is a symbol of the cultural identity and a mirror to Palestinian history. It is a beautiful piece of art which links the land with Palestinian life identity.



