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ATTACKING OLIVE HARVEST

As the olive season is approaching the Israeli occupation forces and settlers attacks on farms and farmers intensified.

On October 5, Israeli settlers burned olive trees owned by Palestinians in the West Bank's northern occupied city of Nablus.

Settler attacks on Palestinian farmers and their lands escalated in recent months, coinciding with the start of the olive harvest season. Israeli authorities allow settlers to continue their attacks with no consequences as part of official efforts to intensify settlement construction in the occupied territories.

GAZANS ARE BEING POISONED SLOWLY

A joint statement issued by the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor and the Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH) to the 48th session of UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), revealed that the "long-term Israeli blockade has caused a serious deterioration of water security in Gaza."

The Israeli blockade turned 97 per cent of the water contaminated, while the residents of the besieged enclave are forced to witness the slow poisoning."

This water crisis presents a serious threat to the beleaguered population's health, where recent data indicates that about a quarter of the diseases spread in Gaza are caused by water pollution, and 12 per cent of the deaths of children and infants are linked to intestinal diseases related to contaminated water.

ISRAELI VIOLATIONS AGAINST JOURNALISTS

A report from the Journalist Support Committee (Geneva-based non-profit organization that promotes and protects media freedom, freedom of expression, and rights of journalists) listed the Israeli forces attacks on the Palestinian media staff:

- The occupation forces arrested and detained three journalists, and renewed the arrest of three others
- Prevented five journalists from performing their job, banned one from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque for a year, and another from travel.
- Confiscated the press licenses of three journalists

PALESTINE & COVID-19

CURRENT STATUS

There have been so far over 411,526 confirmed cases of COVID, 385,626 recovery cases and 4,197 deaths.

The WHO risk assessment remains high, with 30,994 active COVID-19 cases across the oPt, while infections in the Gaza Strip account for the majority of all cases, at just over 67%.

In the West Bank, numbers of cases are slowing down, and are now at 10,198. Testing has increased in the past two weeks allowing for a fall in positivity to 12.7% from 22%.

The breakdown of active COVID-19 cases across the oPt is as follows: Gaza Strip (67.1%), followed by the West Bank governorates of Nablus (8.5%), Tulkarm (6.3%), Ramallah (4.5%), Jenin (3.7%), Qalqilya (2.8%), Salfit (1.7%), Hebron (1.1%), and Tubas (0.6%).

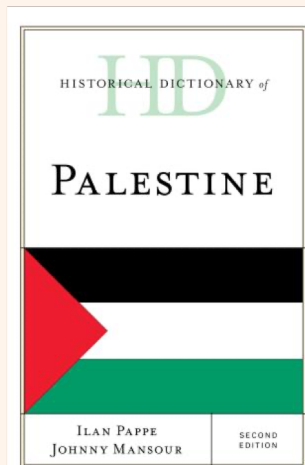
The overall Case Fatality Rate (CFR) across oPt remains at 1%. The CFR is the proportion of deaths among identified confirmed cases.

1,347,092 people have been vaccinated in total across the oPt: 950,324 in the West Bank, and 396,768 in Gaza. These figures represent around 45% of the target Palestinian population (16 years and above).

A BOOK TO READ

HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF PALESTINE

2nd Edition (2022)



By: Ilan Pappé and Jonny Mansour

The goal of this book is to treat Palestine not as a state but as a country which in 1948 was divided to Arab and Jewish States. Palestinians live in all these areas and are also dwellers or refugee camps and exilic communities around the world. In our eyes they and the country as a whole are part of the history of Palestine and therefore are all included here. It is a book that regards Palestine in the period from 1800 until today as a geographical term which is still valid and relevant. Therefore, it covers different geopolitical units and states that were established over the year in the country of Palestine: the late Ottoman provinces, the British Mandate, the State Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. Half of Palestine population live in exile in refugee camp and diasporic communities. They also have a place of honor in this book. As the story of Zionism and Israel is intertwined with that of the Palestinians, several Zionist/Israeli persons, places and events are also included in this book.

PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Acting Head of Mission Dr. Fadi Elhusseini met with H.E. Mr. Gulyás Tibor Deputy State Secretary for innovation
- Met with Mayor of 2nd district - H.E Mr. Őrsi Gergely
- Received at the Embassy of Palestine the new Ambassador of the Republic of Egypt H.E. Ambassador Mohamed El Shinawy
- Met with H.E. Amb. Bokor Balázs Director of International Relations and Protocol at Hungarian Water Polo Federation and President of Hungarian Hollywood Council
- Participated in the Opening Ceremony of the 240th anniversary academic year of Budapest University of Technology and Economics

THAT FLASHBACK THAT BRINGS BACK PAINFUL MEMORIES

THE STORY OF MOHAMMED ALDURRA



Although 21 years have passed since barrage of Israeli army bullets killed 12-year-old Mohammad Al-Durrah, his image as an icon of the Palestinian resistance has never faded.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



OLIVE HARVEST DEEP ROOTED CULTURE OF PALESTINIANS

As Palestinians in 2021 struggle to harvest their olive trees in the face of Israeli access restrictions & settler attacks, photos from Ramallah & Jerusalem between 1900 & 1935 remind us of the deep roots of the olive harvest & of Palestinians' connection to their land. The people and the trees are witnesses of this rooted culture.



EDUCATION

A PALESTINIAN REFUGEE HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL STUDENT IN THE WORLD

A Palestinian student born and raised in a refugee camp in Lebanon has been selected as one of the top 50 finalists for the 2021 Chegg Global Student Prize. More than 3,500 candidates from 94 countries around the world were nominated for having a real impact on learning, the lives of their peers and society around them.

Aya Yousef is an architecture student at the American University of Beirut. She was born in Burj Al-Barajneh Refugee Camp, and attended schools run by UNRWA. She now works on UN programmes to mentor young people around the world.

In 2016-2017 she started the first coding club at her school, she shared her knowledge and experience of coding with around 20 students. At the end of that academic year, she was nominated for the Global Children's Peace Prize and was chosen as one of the top three students from Lebanon.



MUSIC

BANAT AL-QUDS CONCERT

Banat Al-Quds Group performed a musical concert on October 7 in an event that crossed the borders with the Norwegian musician Pål Moddi Knutsen. The group performed in front of the audience at the Faisal Hussein Theater while Moddi was standing in front of his audience at Jacob Church in Oslo-Norway.



SEA AND FREEDOM FESTIVAL

The Sea and Freedom Festival is a cultural festival organized by the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music. Local and guest musicians and artists present a rich variety of cultural productions and performances that facilitate access to cultural life and artistic productions for a society under siege. This year, the festival aims to contribute to the empowerment of the people of Gaza, particularly youth and women who have endured the cruelest war so far, to participate in cultural life that inspires freedom.

SPORTS

TWO WINS IN A ROW FOR THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

The Palestinian national team won the football game over Lebanon 4-2, and over UAE 1-0 in the West Asian U-23 Championship, which was held, October 6 and 14 at Prince Muhammad Bin Fahd Stadium in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.



THE FIRST PALESTINIAN FOOTBALL SCHOOL IN PALESTINE

The first Palestinian football school "Palestino" in Palestine was established to provide a meeting and development space for children. A new branch will soon be open in Gaza.



AGRICULTURE

IT'S A DATE: THE HARVEST SEASON BEGINS IN GAZA

Around 12.44 square km of land are ready for harvest and will produce 14,000 tonnes of dates. The success of the date palms comes at a time when Palestinians in the besieged Strip have suffered following 11-days of Israeli bombardment, the occupation forces' continued use of herbicides and pesticides to kill their crops, and a lack of clean water and petrol to work the necessary machines.

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