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AGGRESSION AGAINST ISLAMIC SITES

On November 4, Israel's occupation forces demolished a mosque in the town of Duma, south of the occupied West Bank city of Nablus.

On another note, the Israeli Occupation police tightened the siege on the Yusufiya cemetery near Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, while the municipality and the Israeli Nature and Parks Authority have been demolishing parts of the cemetery and tombstones since Oct. 25. The Israeli authorities are seeking to turn this part of the cemetery, into a public park, around the walls of the Old City.

UN CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS PLANS

"The Israeli settlements are the engine of the occupation"

On November 3, UN human rights experts condemned Israel's plan to build thousands of new housing units in illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The strong condemnation comes as the Israeli government has recently approved plans for more than 1,700 new housing units in the illegal Givat Hamatos and Pisgat Zeev settlements.

It is also pushing forward with plans for 9,000 new units in Atarot, some 3,400 more in the Er area just east of Jerusalem, and around 3,000 in a number of illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank.

In addition, reports indicate that the Israeli government plans to retroactively legalise several illegal settlements.

HACKING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

On 19 October, Israeli Minister of Defense, announced the designation of six leading Palestinian civil society organizations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as "terrorist organizations" under Israel's Anti-Terrorism Law 2016. The groups named are Addameer; Al-Haq; Defense for Children Palestine; the Union of Agricultural Work Committees; Bisan Center for Research and Development; and the Union of Palestinian Women Committees.

Many international voices and representatives of Palestinian civil society called on the United Nations to take immediate and serious action to cancel the decision made by the Israeli occupation authorities, stressing the need to protect the right to form institutions, their freedom of work and independence, and the need to force the occupation state to comply with international law.

PALESTINE & COVID-19

CURRENT STATUS

There have been so far over 426,051 confirmed cases of COVID, 417,925 recovery cases and 4,469 deaths.

New COVID-19 infections appear to be slowing down across the oPt particularly in the West Bank, while over three quarters of all active cases remaining in Gaza.

The overall Case Fatality Rate (CFR) across oPt remains at 1%.

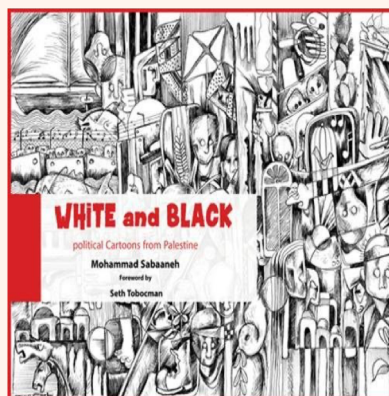
A SOUL THAT IS STILL ALIVE YASSER ARAFAT



November 11 marks the death of the iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He left 17 years ago, but he left behind a legacy of struggle and a national strategy that had established for an approach followed by the founding leaders.

Following the Declaration of Independence in Algiers on 15 November 1988, the late leader presented at the United Nations General Assembly on 13 and 14 December of the same year a Palestinian initiative for a just peace in the Middle East, which was betrayed by Israel.

A BOOK TO READ WHITE AND BLACK: POLITICAL CARTOONS FROM PALESTINE



By: Mohammad Sabaaneh

Palestinian political cartoonist Mohammad Sabaaneh has gained renown worldwide for his stark black-and-white drawings that express the numerous abuses and losses that his countrymen suffer under Israel's occupation and celebrate their popular resistance. This collection includes 180 of Sabaaneh's best cartoons, including some depicting the privations he and other Palestinian political prisoners have suffered in Israel's many prisons. This book offers profound insights into the political and social struggles facing the Palestinian people and a pointed critique of the inaction or complicity of the "international community." Veteran graphic artist Seth Tobocman contributes a foreword.

Mohammad Sabaaneh is a Palestinian graphic artist living in Ramallah in the West Bank. He is the principal political cartoonist for Al-Hayat al-Jadida, the Palestinian Authority's daily newspaper, and has published his work in many other newspapers around the Arab World. He is a member of the International Cartoon Movement as well as the VJ Movement for visual journalists around the globe.

PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Acting Head of Mission Dr. Fadi Elhusseini met with Mayor of Budapest H.E. Mr. Karácsony Gergely and Mayor of 1st district H.E. Mrs Váradiné Naszályi Márta
- Participated in the Memorial Day of the 1956 Revolution
- Participated in the meeting of the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Hungary
- Met with H.G. Bishop Giovanni and Rev. Fr. Youssef Khalil
- Met with a number of Arab and Palestinian businessmen in Hungary
- The Palestinian flag was flown at half-mast on the occasion of Balfour Declaration
- Embassy of Palestine issued a statement on the 17th anniversary of martyrdom of iconic leader Yasser Arafat

MEET RAWAN RAJAB PALESTINIAN WOMAN TURNS GLASS WASTE INTO ECOFRIENDLY BUILDING STONES



Rawan Rajab, a Palestinian woman has started her entrepreneurial project by turning waste glass into eco-friendly building stones. She processes the glass waste by grinding it to powder and forming the white sand and then to decorative building stones.

Rajab produces two square meters of colored stones daily and plans to expand her project.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



BEIT AL KARMEH

Beit Al Karmeh is a guest house, that is located in the middle of a cluster of Ottoman-era buildings in the old city of Kufr Aqab eight kilometers north of Jerusalem. It has been recently renovated by Riwaq Centre for Architectural Conservation.

One of these historic buildings, Hosh Dar Barakat, has been rented by Dalia Association and opened under the name Beit Al Karmeh (House of Grapes). It houses a community kitchen named qout (nourishment), meeting rooms, a library, a co-working space, and two guest rooms.



ARTS**PALESTINE CINEMA DAYS**

The eighth edition of the annual Palestine Cinema Days kicked off at the Cultural Palace in Ramallah with a screening of Palestine's entry to the Oscars 2022 "The Stranger" (Al-Gharib), by filmmaker Ameer Fakher Eldin.

This year, Palestine Cinema Days screened more than 60 carefully-selected fiction, documentary, and short films, bringing together cinema enthusiasts across the six Palestinian cities of Ramallah, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gaza, Haifa, and Nazareth.

The 8th edition of the film festival was held from November 3-8 and showcased Palestinian independent and artistic productions as well as rich and bold narratives from Arab and international cinema.

**ECONOMY****PALESTINE PROGRAM WON AWARD FROM THE UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Two investment projects of the World Bank-funded Finance for Jobs (F4J) program in Palestine have won an award from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat (UN Climate Change) in the category, "Financing for Climate Friendly Investment."

The F4J activities a solar-powered industrial park in Gaza and 500 solar-powered public schools were praised for their "innovative financing structure, [which includes] blended concessional finance, to help de-risk the projects."

**CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- Inauguration of the mosaic covering project in Hisham's Palace in Jericho which is considered the most unique projects in the world cultural heritage. The mosaic is the largest worldwide (827 SQM) & 38 mosaic carpets. The project was implemented in cooperation between the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

**SPORTS****WINNING THE BODYBUILDING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Palestinian Qusai Nasser from Jerusalem was crowned the champion of the bodybuilding championship "Physic" category in Ukraine.

**EVENTS****BOOK LAUNCHES**

- Attempts for Survival is a book discussion with author Ghassan Naddaf that was organized by the Palestinian Novel Club, on November 3.
- The book "Unforgettable: Palestine in Two Thousand Years of Documentation," was presented by Salman Abu Sitta, PhD, in dialogue with Johnny Mansour, PhD, discussing his ongoing project of documenting Palestine the land and the people spatially and socially.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fresh olive oil tasting of olives collected from the perennial Roman olive trees of Terra Fidea was held November 4-7.

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