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## Occupation in Numbers

- 4 Palestinians killed (1 beaten to death in Tulkarem)
- 13 detained
- 430 olive trees uprooted in Nablus
- 1,480 dunums confiscated between Ramallah and Nablus
- Expansion of settlement in the northern Jordan valley
- 1 water pipeline destroyed in Duma Nablus
- 73 violations against Al-Aqsa Mosque
- Several structures demolished in Khirbet Ibzei north Tubas
- 45 km expansion of the apartheid wall
- 2.2 km<sup>2</sup> expropriated east of Bethlehem.

## ISRAEL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AIDING TORTURE

Physicians for Human Rights has filed a complaint to the International Medical Syndicate against the Israel Medical Association, claiming it systematically denies and subjugates the right to health and safety of Palestinians.

The four main issues detailed in the complaint include compromising the safety of Palestinian medical staff during Israeli raids as well as the right of Palestinian patients to receive health care.

It also lists the role of doctors assisting in the torture of Palestinians at the hands of Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency.

The NGO adds that the Israel Medical Association ignored the testimonies presented to it about Gaza children being sent out of the Strip for treatment without their parents.

## WCC CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S DISCRIMINATION

The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC) issued a statement at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, accusing Israel of "overtly and systematically discriminating Palestinians."

The WCC's said that recent events, including the forced displacement of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, "have highlighted the mounting obstacles to a just peace in the region".

It expressed deep concern regarding Israel's recent disruption of Christian religious observances, following the Israeli Supreme Court's decision that enabled Israeli settlers to expropriate church properties near the Jaffa Gate, in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem.

## PALESTINE & COVID-19

### CURRENT STATUS

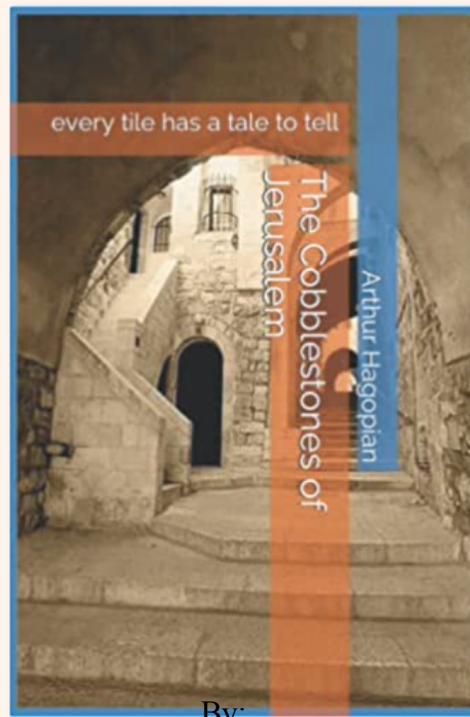
There have been so far over 592,699 confirmed cases of COVID, 582,977 recovery cases and 5,657 deaths.

### MEET DR. SUAD AMIRY



Suad Amiry is a Palestinian writer and architect living in the West Bank town of Ramallah. She studied architecture at the American University of Beirut, the University of Michigan, and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her parents went from Palestine to Amman, Jordan. She was brought up there and went to Lebanon's capital of Beirut to study architecture. Her book, *Sharon and My Mother-in-Law*, has been translated into 19 languages, the last one in Arabic, was a bestseller in France. The book was awarded in 2004 the prestigious Viareggio Prize in Italy. She is Director and founder of the Riwaq Centre for Architectural Conservation; the center was founded in 1991; the first of its kind to work on the rehabilitation and protection of architectural heritage in Palestine. Riwaq received the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2013 for the Revitalisation of Birzeit Historic Centre.

## THE COBBLESTONES OF JERUSALEM



ARTHUR HAGOPIAN

Jerusalem, city of gold, city of light.

A fascinating enclave that is said to be the center of the world, and that this is where history began.

And it is also said that of the ten measures of beauty God bestowed upon the world, Jerusalem received nine. And of the ten measures of sorrow the world is afflicted with, Jerusalem's portion was nine.

Every tile in the cobblestoned alleys of Jerusalem has a tale to tell, intertwining the annals of its fascinating people: the Christians (Armenians, Copts, Ethiopians, Greeks, Syrians who still speak Aramaic), the Moslems and the Jews.

The book delves into the labyrinthine fabric and tells the reader stories of wonder and mystery, of glory and disaster, of triumph and despair of all three protagonists, as seen from the perspective of an Armenian.

## PALESTINE AND HUNGARY



### EVENTS & MEETINGS

- The Palestinian Ambassador met with Ambassador Altusz Kristóf, Director of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet of the President
- Ambassador Dr. Fadi Elhusseini participated in unveiling the mural of Palestinian Doctor Munther Qidan and Family
- Ambassador Elhusseini receives the Palestinian swimming team participating in the World Championships
- Ambassador Elhusseini met with Ambassador Dr. Dr. Perosa István Head of Stipendium Hungaricum Department
- Received Mr. Miklóssy Ferenc Preseident of Middle East and North Africa in Hungary's Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in the meeting of the council of Arab ambassadors and in a number of National Day receptions

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## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### JERUSALEM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Jerusalem International Airport is a regional airport, currently not in use, located between Jerusalem and Ramallah. When it was opened in 1924 it was the first airport in the British Mandate for Palestine. Royal Jordanian and Middle East Airlines were known to operate daily commercial flights to and from Atarot airport before 1967 under Jordanian rule. After Israel occupied the West Bank during the Six-Day War in 1967, it came under Israeli occupation.



## SPORTS

**PALESTINIAN JIU JITSU TEAM WINS AT THE THAILAND INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Jiu-Jitsu team concluded its participation in the "Grand Prix" and "Patia" beach tournaments and team competitions in Thailand, achieving six medals. Mohamed Odehallah, won the team's first gold medal in the "Grand Prix" championship in the junior category, while Qais Choucair and Mohamed Rowadi won bronze medals.

**THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM RANKED 94<sup>TH</sup>**

The Palestinian national football team, Al Fidaii, was elevated to 94th place in the FIFA rankings issued in July, up from 100 in March.

The team's new ranking was a result of its success in qualifying for the 2023 AFC Asian Cup. The national team was also named on the list of the 15 best teams in Asia.



## INDUSTRY

**BUILDING STONE PRODUCTS INVESTMENTS**

- The Palestinian Ministry of National Economy in cooperation with the Union of Stone and Marble Industry in Palestine have launched a project aimed at "Enhancing the competitiveness of Palestinian building stone products in the markets of member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation." The project aims to increase the share of Palestinian exports in foreign markets, and initially plans to target both Kuwait and Qatar.



## ENTREPRENEURS

**GAZA'S FIRST FEMALE BEEKEEPER EXPANDS APIARY**

- After having been jobless for five years after graduating, Samar al-Baa, who is the first female beekeeper in Gaza, was able to restore her father's apiary.



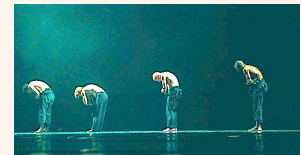
## CULTURAL HERITAGE

**PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

On 27 June, the Palestine International Festival 2022 launched its 21<sup>st</sup> edition, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19. The Festival, dedicated to music and dance, is a creative, cultural and artistic project which communicates with the outside world and contributes to breaking the cultural siege which has been imposed on Palestine and the Palestinian people for decades.

**16<sup>TH</sup> RAMALLAH CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL**

Sareyyet Ramallah held its opening performance for the 16th Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival 2022 at Ramallah Cultural Palace. The Caitlin Barnett Dance Company UK opened with a performance called Comrades in the Dark. The opening performance was about prisoners, the freedom of prisoners, and torture inside prison.



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