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## Occupation in Numbers

- 19 Palestinians killed including 3 children and a footballer
- 1 Palestinian prisoner died of medical negligence
- 156 Palestinians injured
- 1 Palestinian lawyer deported to France
- 70 Palestinian detainees placed in isolation in Nafha prison
- 9 Palestinian-owned structures & 6 residential tents demolished
- 35 Palestinians displaced due to demolitions
- 40 olive trees destroyed in Qalqilya
- 120 sheep stolen from Palestinian farmers
- 1 tent used as Palestinian school seized
- \$39m seized from Palestinian tax revenue
- Al-Araqib village demolished for the 211<sup>th</sup> time
- 36,000 new housing units approved for construction in the city of Holon

## NEW EXTENSION OF THE APARTHEID WALL

Israel has begun placing cement blocks west of the town of Qaffin, north of Tulkarm, in the northern occupied West Bank, separating Palestinians from thousands of acres of agricultural land. The new concrete wall extends from the village of Salem to the city of Yulkarem. It is nine metres in height and 45 kilometres in length, in addition to fortifications and electronic devices.

Farmers from the town of Qaffin alone will be denied access to 5,000 dunums (1,236 acres) of their agricultural land, along with tens of thousands of dunums in neighbouring villages.

## ISRAELIS STORM AL-AQSA MOSQUE

Scores of Israeli settlers forced their way into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Around 192 settlers entered the flashpoint site in groups through the mosque's Al-Mugharbah Gate.

Israeli occupation forces imposed restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshippers into the site during the settlers' tours.

Additionally, Israeli settlers stormed the Ibrahimi Mosque and lit menorahs inside its corridors to celebrate Hanukkah under the protection of occupation forces. Israel is deliberately changing the historical features of the area outside the mosque by installing an elevator to facilitate settler incursions

## MEET SOHA ALQESHAWI

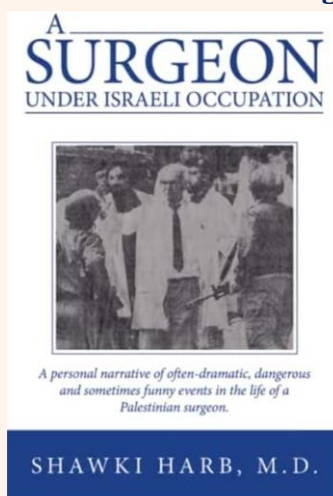


Soha Alqeshawi is a Palestinian from Gaza City. When she left the tiny territory where people live like prisoners in a total area of 365 square km, she entered the University of Houston in Texas. Upon graduation as top of the class with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Engineering NASA offered her a job working on the Shuttle Program.

As a senior software engineer working on the Orion spacecraft, she is responsible for software/hardware integration and testing to ensure all the spacecraft's hardware and software perform as expected for America's next generation spacecraft destined for deep space. Orion is the spacecraft NASA needs in order to take humans into deep space, for very long periods of time, and bring them safely home.

## A BOOK TO READ

**A SURGEON UNDER ISRAELI OCCUPATION:**  
A personal narrative of often-dramatic, dangerous, and sometimes funny events in the life of a Palestinian surgeon



Palestinians, wherever they travel or reside, and whenever they talk or write about anything, always center their discussion on the Palestinian issue. It is an intrinsic part of their existence. In *A Surgeon under Israeli Occupation*, author Dr. Shawki Harb chronicles his experiences about life, Palestine, and medicine that he's witnessed throughout fifty years of a surgical practice.

He offers a narrative of the life of a Palestinian surgeon who practiced medicine under Israeli occupation for more than a quarter of a century from 1975 to 2003. Harb also covers events that took place during his medical school and internship years in Germany from 1958 to 1967 and subsequent specialty training in the United States from 1967 to 1975. This memoir tells how he lived calmly and purposefully under Israeli military occupation, enduring harassment and overcoming challenges like having to perform heart surgery under the flickering light of flashlights during blackouts and the sound of gunfire.

Giving a long-term perspective *A Surgeon under Israeli Occupation* shares unique insights into the nature of the conflict, providing stories of unusual medical events and personal experiences while reflecting on the social and political context in which they happened.

## Palestine and Hungary



## EVENTS &amp; MEETINGS

▪ The embassy of the state of Palestine announced the establishment of the Palestinian Doctors and Pharmacists Union in Hungary. The Embassy hosted the inauguration conference with the slogan "Together towards rebuilding a promising future".

▪ The embassy published a video titled "the embassy of Palestine in Hungary in two years".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml84SsL1u8Y>

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## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### CHRISTMAS PARADE

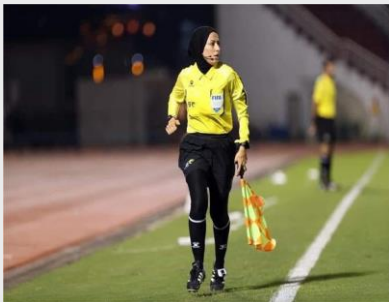
The Christmas parade toured all over Palestine celebrating the catholic and orthodox Christmas. The parade started the tour from Bethlehem, to Ramallah, Jenin, Nablus, and Jericho. Thousands of Palestinians participated in this parade.



## SPORTS

**FIRST PALESTINIAN FEMALE REFEREE**

The International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) has chosen the Palestinian assistant referee, Heba Saadia, to participate in leading the Women's World Cup matches in Australia and New Zealand from July 20 to August 20, 2023. For the first time, a Palestinian referee participates in refereeing matches in the World Cup.



## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**PALESTINE WON THE ARAB GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Palestine won the Arab Government Excellence Award in the field of career planning. This came at a ceremony held at the League of Arab States to honor the winners of the award, organized by the Arab Organization for Administrative Development.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITY RELEASES CORPORA FOR SIX ARABIC DIALECTS**

Birzeit University released corpora for Libyan, Palestinian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Sudanese and Yemeni dialects that have 1.3 million words. Titled Currasat, the corpora aim to enrich artificial intelligence technologies and enable them to understand texts written in dialectal Arabic. The university has worked on some dialects in partnership with the American University of Beirut and the United Nations. Currasat was launched on December 15, 2022 at the United Nations Headquarter in New York.

The corpora consist of a collection of dialectal texts collected from social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Each token in the corpora was segmented into prefixes, suffixes, stems, parts of speech, lemmas and English glosses.

## MUSIC

**BAROQUE MUSIC 2022**

As part of the Christmas celebrations, Al-Kamadnaji Baroque Music Tour started on 17-23 December 2022 in Jerusalem, Al-Zababdeh, Ramallah, and Birzeit. The Orchestra played musical pieces of the most famous composers of the Musical Baroque era such as Bach, Vivaldi among others.



## INNOVATION

**PALESTINE WON 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN THE "TECH FOR TALENT" COMPETITION**

Ghazzal, a Palestinian student, has invented a device that opens windows automatically as soon as it senses gas - with the potential to save countless lives. Ghazzal represented Palestine in the "Tech for Talent" competition in Dubai where her device won 3rd place



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