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### Occupation this month In Numbers

- \* **26** Palestinians were killed (including 4 children)
- \* **364** Palestinian injured (including 31 critical conditions, 6 children, 5 journalists, & 5 Women)
- \* **305** detainees (including 6 Children)
- \* Uprooting **1060** olive and almond trees.
- \* Demolishing **8** residential homes in the West Bank and Jerusalem
- \* The occupation Bombs Jenin refugee camp from the air, displacing **950** families from the camp's residents under the threat of bombing their homes.
- \* The occupation bombed Ibn Sina Hospital in the Jenin refugee camp
- \* The occupation bombed the Church of the Latin Monastery in Jenin, causing severe damage to it.
- \* An Israeli court approves the uprooting of the **500 residents** of Ras Jaraba in 48 occupied territories
- \* Approving the start of building **450 settlement** units in Jerusalem

### Stealing heritage and identity...

The battle of identity is another aspect of the Palestinian struggle. This time, it is a battle for history, heritage, culture and identity. The occupation makes a great effort to steal the heritage, such as clothing, Palestinian folk food and Canaanite currency. The traditional Palestinian dress is part of the culture of the Palestinians, and their folk heritage began with the first Canaanite migration thousands of years ago. The Palestinian dress is not just a dress but a story told by each embroidery. Each dress represents a geographical region and differs in how it is sewn. It represents a woman's social status, for a bachelor's dress differs from a married woman, a widow or a new bride. He cited the testimonies of international historians proving Israel's theft of Palestinian artefacts.

### The Portuguese parliament voted in favour of a resolution to recognize the Palestinian Nakba

The Portuguese parliament voted by a majority for a resolution recognizing the Nakba that dissolved the Palestinian people in 1948 and praising their struggle for their right to self-determination. The resolution condemned Israel's occupation policy, including illegal expansion and annexation, in violation of international law. It called on the Portuguese Government to take a clear and explicit position in defending the rights of the Palestinian people by international norms and laws.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry welcomed the decision, describing it as a true expression of Portugal's solidarity with the Palestinian Nakba and its tragedies that have lasted for 75 years.

The head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Department of Refugee Affairs, Ahmed Abu Houli, also praised the decision, calling it a victory for Palestinian rights and a step towards achieving justice and alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people. Abu Houli hoped that this decision would inspire other European countries to take similar steps to support Palestinian rights and try to address the injustice and occupation suffered by the Palestinian people.

## Meet: El-Funoun Palestinian Popular Dance Troupe

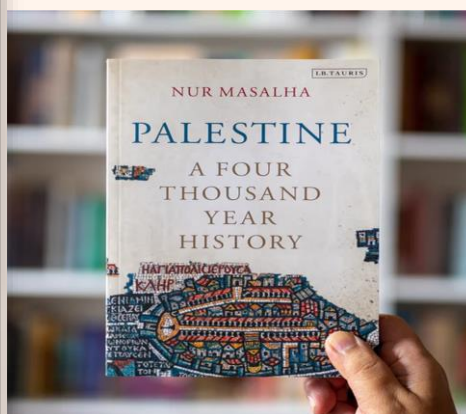


**EL-FUNOUN**, is an independent, non-profit artistic organization that is virtually entirely volunteer-based. El-Funoun was established in 1979 by a small number of enthusiastic, talented and committed artists who collectively strove to present a special flavor of authentic Palestinian music and dance called “**Dabke**” and safeguard this heritage from expropriation and loss. Since the beginning, they have realized the importance of enhancing the connectedness of Palestinians wherever they are with their roots, culture and history. Since then, El-Funoun has been crowned as the lead Palestinian dance company in Palestine, as well as among Palestinians in exile. It holds an impressive track record of over one thousand performances locally and internationally. It also produced 15 productions and over ten dance scenes. El -Funoun has won several commendation certificates and awards over the years.

**Moreover**, El-Funoun assumed a significant role in reviving the rich **Music** and **Dabke** heritage, not only through its productions, but also by initiating the “**Palestinian folklore day**” in 1986 as an annual celebration. This initiation continued to be celebrated since then all over Palestine. In 1987 El-Funoun established the Popular Art Centre, a community organization committed to raising awareness about the arts, as well as opening opportunities for community members to participate in artistic activity and expression.

Embassy of the State of Palestine to Hungary

## A BOOK TO READ: Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History



**By: Professor Nur-eldeen Masalha**

Professor Nur Masalha is a writer and researcher who delved deeply into the study of the history of his people, and the issues surrounding this history confirmed that the existence of Palestine as a homeland is more than four thousand years. The Palestinian people lived in that homeland located geographically on the eastern bank of the Mediterranean Sea from ancient times and under kingdoms, regimes and states. He remained attached to his national identity, heritage, and land until now and forever. In his book Prof. Nour entitled “Palestine, Four Thousand Years of History,” the lecturer and researcher at British and international universities denounce the twisted and wrong narrative imposed by many history books issued by foreign colonial countries in the Middle East, some of which claim that Palestine was “a land without A people”, which prompted the Zionist Jews in the world to launch their settlement project.

**Masalha** also rejects some theories issued by Arab, Middle Eastern and Asian references that believe that Palestine was nothing more than the southern part of the Levant (Syria) and that the Palestinian national independence movement arose in the last phase of the rule of The Ottoman Empire over the Arab Middle East. The book stresses that the Palestinians clung to their civilized identity for long periods before the emergence of the Ottoman Empire and since pre-Christian for thousands of years.

## Palestine and Hungary



### EVENTS & MEETINGS

The Council of Arab Ambassadors meets with the Yemeni Foreign Minister, and other diplomatic meetings with the aim of enhancing coordination between the Palestinian Embassy and other diplomatic missions



Embassy teams in ACTION – New horizons for academic, research and cultural cooperation; Meeting with Deputy State Secretary H.E. Mr. Lengyel Miklós. Meet as well with Rector & V-Rector of prestigious ELTE university Prof.Dr. László Borhy & Prof.Dr. Imre Hamar.



On culture side: Meeting with Ms. ADÉLA GÁLOVÁ Director of Czech centre and Mrs. Éva Bíró director of Museum and Library of Hungarian Agriculture.

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<http://en.palestine.hu/>



## PICTURES OF THE MONTH

### The Traditional Palestinian Dresses



الثوب الفلسطيني المطرز



**SPORTS****Algeria concludes the Arab Games and Palestine gets 16 medals.**

The curtain has fallen on the Arab Games hosted by Algeria. During the current session, Palestine stood out remarkably, having achieved 16 coloured medals, including 4 golds in sports: swimming, karate, iron ball, and boxing.

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**The Palestinian "Younis Halabiya" won the first place in the Kung Fu Championship**

The Palestinian national team player for kung fu, (Younis Halabiya) from Jerusalem, won first place in the Mediterranean Championship in the State of Lebanon,

**CULTURE & ART****The Palestinian Museum launches specialized facilities for preserving and restoring heritage fabrics**

The Palestinian Museum in Birzeit launches facilities that preserve and restore heritage textiles, the first of its kind in Palestine. The project is supported by the International Coalition for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas and in partnership with the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, which hosted a Palestinian team, and provided them with specialized training.

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**The Ministry of Culture concludes a training course on straw making.**

The Ministry of Culture concluded a training course in the straw industry, with the participation of 15 trainees, in the framework of protecting the Palestinian cultural heritage.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY****Misk Abdel Salam, a Palestinian student, participates in the American space agency "NASA".**

The student, Misk Abdel Salam, in the ninth grade from Nablus, is participating in a scientific trip to the United States of America as part of the Palestinian delegation from Nablus to the American Space Agency "NASA". The participation of the student Abdel Salam comes after winning a project in scientific research About the quantum revolution in the computer world, Quantum Revolution.

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**A Palestinian student invents a car that runs on water**

After efforts, experiments and research that lasted more than two years, the university student, Atef Shkoukani, obtained a patent registration certificate for a water-powered car from the Palestinian Ministry of National Economy.

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