

## 2 Research Program

PASSIA's *Research Studies Program*, implemented since its foundation in 1987, has to date resulted in over 160 publications, researched and written by specifically contracted researchers, who over the years have been as diverse as the subjects covered. Authors of PASSIA publications have included Palestinian, Arab, Israeli and international academics, scholars and experts.

Under the auspices of this program and in its efforts to provide background information, in-depth studies and documentation on issues of concern as well as to promote a better understanding of the Palestinian cause, PASSIA maintains that all research and publishing is done within the context of academic freedom.

PASSIA publications aim to be specialized, scientific and objective, yet they often address controversial or neglected issues and allow the expression of a wide range of perspectives.

PASSIA is proud that its publications have become a valuable reference source for academics, diplomats, professionals, libraries and anyone with an interest in Palestinian issues and their relations to regional and international affairs.

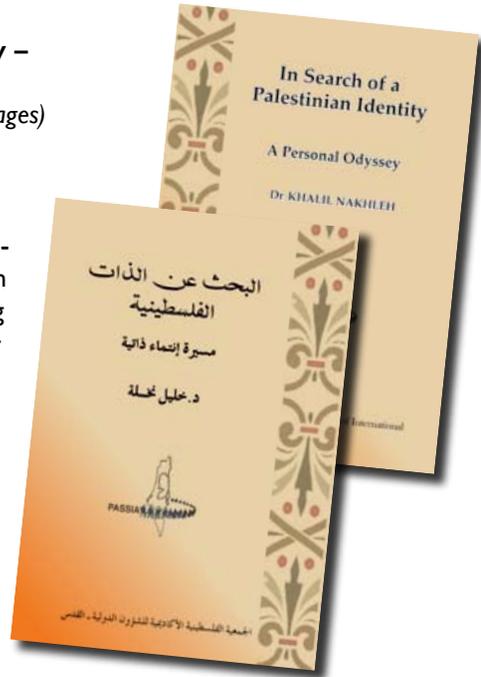
As part of the **2005 Research Program**, PASSIA published two monographs (both related to the search of a Palestinian identity) and an illustrated annual chronology for 2002. In addition, PASSIA has completed work on a book that formed part of a larger research project, entitled *Palestinian Personalities – A Biographic Dictionary*. More information on these publications is provided below. (Information on publications printed under PASSIA projects other than the Research Program are listed in the respective chapters, see, for example, *Conferences and Religious Studies Unit*).

## Research Studies

- ***In Search for a Palestinian Identity – A Personal Odyssey***  
December 2005 (English & Arabic, 53 pages)

by **Khalil Nakhleh**

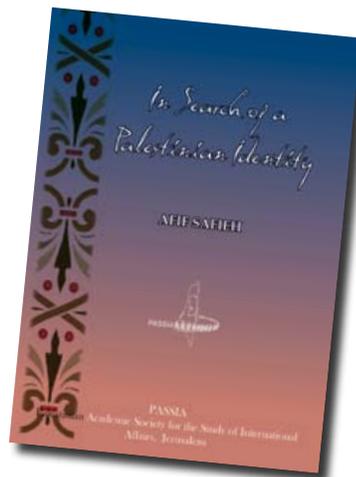
In this monograph, a Palestinian professional from the first Nakba generation records his personal biography. Using oral narratives of his family, the author traces the evolution of the Palestine Question and offers his personal explanations. In doing so, he discovers that his memories, work experiences, places and faces he got to know over the years, and the manifold relations he established have made and shaped what is his identity today.



- ***In Search for a Palestinian Identity***  
December 2005 (English & Arabic, 53 pages)

by **Afif Safieh**

This monograph contains four articles and lecture transcripts reflecting the memories and analysis of the author. The different chapters shed – in an anecdotic way – light on diplomacy in the Middle East in general and on his personal recollections in his role as Palestinian diplomat (PLO delegate to the UK, among others) in particular.



## Special Research Projects

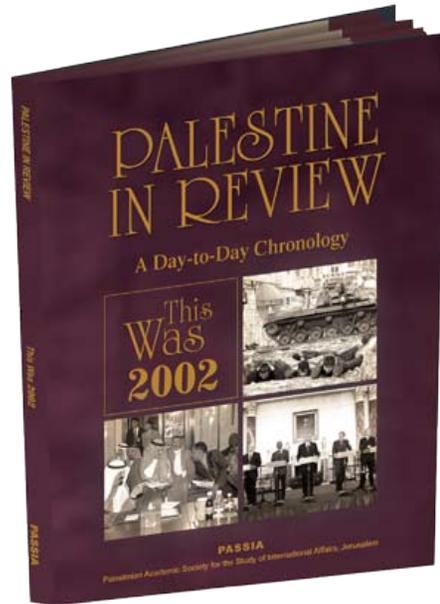
### ■ *Palestine in Review – This Was 2002*

December 2005 (English, 192 pages, numerous photos)  
ISBN: 9950-305-12-8

by **PASSIA Team**

*This Was 2002* provides a comprehensive and chronological account of the events that unfolded during the year 2002 and the players that shaped the year from a Palestinian perspective. In doing so, it places events in the wider regional and global contexts in order to allow for a broader perspective of interconnected local, regional and world events, thereby making the book a unique reference volume.

*This Was 2002* was a year of massive Israeli army operations, incursions and an unprecedented level of destruction of Palestinian property, including numerous homes, roads, Gaza airport, and other infrastructure facilities. “Operation Defensive Shield,” launched in March, still clings to peoples’ memories, having been one of the worst shows of Israel’s military might and involving the reoccupation of most of the West Bank for extended periods. Although the book recalls many other events, including the reform efforts on the part of the Palestinian Authority, the Saudi peace initiative, US President Bush’s speech endorsing a Palestinian state, and the release of the ‘Road Map’, the overwhelming images of 2002 will remain those of hundreds of Palestinian martyrs and thousands of wounded, the invasion and siege of Palestinian cities, the destruction of the Muqata’a and parts of the Jenin Refugee Camp, and the standoff at the Nativity Church in Bethlehem.



■ **Palestinian Personalities – A Biographic Dictionary**

December 2005 (English, 248 pages, numerous photos)  
ISBN: 9950-305-13-6

by **PASSIA Team**

This project is to collect and eventually publish an illustrated profile of personalities, both historical and contemporary, who have inspired and enriched the Palestinian nation, who have shaped Palestinian history and who have lived at the center of its unfolding events.

The book includes short biographies of almost 1,000 individuals of all social strata and occupational groups – political elites, freedom fighters, thinkers, writers, educators, civil rights activists, and others – listed in alphabetical order. Each entry contains biographical information on a historical/contemporary Palestinian figure accompanied, where available, by a photograph. The text

entries detail the lives and activities of persons and include the basic facts, such as birth and death dates and places, as well as information on education, employment history, positions held, achievements made, works published, etc.

Some of those listed maybe generally well known while others are less or not, but all have – from a Palestinian point of view - played a role during their particular time in influencing politics, the economy, religion, and culture, or are still involved in making Palestine what it is today. The biographies vary in length and detail depending on available resources. The book also has a name index to facilitate the search for specific persons. Also included is a glossary of political terms and a list of abbreviations.

This volume contains a larger and more comprehensive compilation of life sketches of Palestinians than any previous publication.

