PASSIA Desk Diary

INTRODUCTION

In late 2014, PASSIA has published the 26th edition of its annual Desk Diary! As in previous years, the goal was to provide a comprehensive “tool” for all those who work in or on Palestine or are interested in the Palestine Question in which way ever. The 2015 Diary was updated, amended and revised according to new information that had become available throughout the year. It contains a directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza (listing names, addresses, main activities), as well as a full day-to-day planner (calendar) for the year, and a comprehensive compilation of facts and figures related to Palestine and the Palestinians. The 2015 edition of the PASSIA Desk Diary contains over 500 pages.

PASSIA is very proud to say that its diary has become an invaluable source of information for many people, both locally and abroad, and as yet there is no equivalent publication in Palestine.

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The Diary is divided into three sections - the Directory, the Calendar, and the Agenda – which are composed of the following:

Directory

The Directory contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories as well as selected Arab and Israeli organizations located in Israel: names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, websites, and a few keywords describing an organization’s main field of work. At the end of the directory there is an alphabetical index to facilitate searches for certain entries. In the 2015 edition, Directory entries included the following:

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)
- PLO Executive Committee and PLO Departments
- Palestinian National Council
- PLO Delegations Abroad
- Representation in International Bodies

Palestinian Authority (PA)
- President’s Office
- Ministries
Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)
PA Attorney General- General Prosecution
PA Higher Judicial Council
Supreme Judge Department
The Upper Council of Sharia Jurisdiction
PA Institutions
PA Councils & Commissions
Police and Security
Local Government Administration
  Governorates
  Municipalities & Village Councils

Political Parties and Factions

Academic and Research Centers

Agriculture

Associations & Unions

Chambers of Commerce

Charitable Organizations

Culture
  Art & Galleries
  Cultural & Folklore Centers
  Film & Cinema
  Literature
  Museums
  Music & Dance
  Theater

Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers

Diplomatic Missions
  Consulates
  Representative Offices to the PA
  Embassies

Education
  Universities
  Colleges
  Training & Vocational Centers
  Schools
  Early Childhood Education
  Educational Institutes
  Libraries

Environment & Water

Financial & Development Institutions
  Banks
  Credit, Investment &
Consulting Companies
Money Changers

Governmental Aid Missions

Health

Human Rights & Law
  Human Rights Centers
  Law Offices
  Lawyers

International & UN Organizations

Israeli Activist Groups

Media & Press
  Palestinian
    Internet Press
    Newspapers & Media Services
    Radio & TV Stations
  Arab TV
  International
  Israeli

NGOs
  Coordinating Groups
  Canadian NGOs
  European NGOs
  US NGOs
  Others & International NGOs

Palestinian Organizations in Israel

Religious Forums & Centers
  Islamic
  Christian Churches & Centers

Restaurants

Services
  Accountants
  Advertisement, Print & Design
  Bookshops & Stationary
  Car Rentals
  Computers, Software & Information Technology
  Courier & Express Services
  E-mail & Internet
  Insurances
  Management Consulting & Development
  Photo Studios & Video
  Planning & Engineering
  Real Estates
  Telecommunication & Office Equipment
  Translation & Editing
Other Services

Sports Clubs & Fitness Centers

Trade - Import/Export

Travel & Tourism
- Airlines
- Hotels & Resorts (Jerusalem - West Bank - Gaza)
- Hospices & Guesthouses
- Touristic & Recreational Sites
- Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators
- Taxis & Transport

Women's Organizations

Youth Organizations

Calendar

The second section includes all the standard features of a calendar, such as a day by-day planner, calendars for the previous and following years, address and note space, and anniversaries and national holidays of foreign countries. In each calendar page, the 2015 edition includes informative textboxes on important contemporary women activists, providing a brief description of them.

The PASSIA Agenda

The Diary's third section is the Agenda, which contains a wealth of information and facts about Palestine and the Palestinians, supported by tables, illustrative graphs, statistics and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references). The Agenda is divided into the following chapters, dealing with the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question:

1. Dictionary of Palestinian Terms
2. Israeli Occupation
3. Geography
4. Population
5. Refugees
6. Land and Settlements
7. Water and Environment
8. Economy
   8.1 Background & Overview
   8.2 Agriculture
   8.3 Industry & Private Sector
   8.4 Labor Market & Employment
   8.5 Tourism
8.6 Trade
8.7 Finances

9. Education

10. Health

11. Infrastructure
   11.1 Housing & Construction
   11.2 Electricity & Energy
   11.3 Transportation & Roads
   11.4 Communication

12. Society & Living Conditions
   12.1 General Social Features
   12.2 Household & Living Conditions

13. Government
   13.1 Administration
   13.2 Elections
   13.3 Rule of Law
   13.4 Negotiations
   13.5 Police & Security
   13.6 State of Palestine

14. Jerusalem
   14.1 Historical Facts & Figures
   14.2 Legal Status
   14.3 Jerusalem in Negotiations
   14.4 Population
   14.5 Residency Rights
   14.6 Housing & House Demolitions
   14.7 Land & Settlement
   14.8 The Old City
   14.9 Education
   14.10 Israeli Municipal Policies

Graphs & Figures
   Milestones in Palestinian History
   Chronology of Main Events 2014
   PLO Central Council (members)
   Fateh – Central and Revolutionary Council (members)

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Addresses and notes

Maps
In 2014, PASSIA has also published - for the first time - a pocket-size Diary featuring:

1) A minimized Directory.
2) A full day-to-day planner including important dates and holidays.
3) Brief statistical information and main facts & figures on Palestine and the Palestine Question, including graphs, tables, charts, and maps.
4) Lots of room for notes, reminders and planning.

This edition of the Pocket Diary contains a total of 176 pages and is 13 x 9 cm in size.