

## 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 **2003 Research Program**, PASSIA published one study, two illustrated annual chronologies (for 2000 and 2001), and a book that formed part of a larger research project. 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, *Jerusalem*, *Civil Society*, and *Religious Studies Unit*).

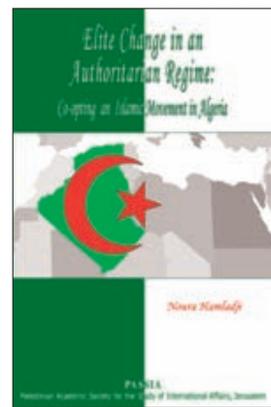
### Research Studies

#### ■ ***Elite Change in an Authoritarian Regime: Co-Opting an Islamic Movement in Algeria***

by **Noura Hamladji**

January 2003 - (English, 47 pages, and Arabic, 56pages)

By focusing on the emergence of an Islamist elite in Algeria, this paper identifies the conditions under which co-optation processes stabilize authoritarian regimes. It first provides an empirical assessment on the presence of MSP-Hamas elite (The party's



name was initially Hamas but then changed it to the Movement of Society for PeaCe - MSP) in state institutions, which reveals that their co-optation is symbolic in terms of power sharing. This in turn brings about the question of what were the expectations of the actors involved in the co-optation process. While MSP-Hamas leaders expected to strengthen their party in order to take over power, it appears that they failed in their attempts to gain more influence in the decision-making process. The analysis presented here shows that it is the very conditions under which this elite was co-opted that precluded it to undermine the authoritarian incumbents' hold on power.

## Special Publications

As part of its ongoing endeavor to contribute to research and documentation, PASSIA, in early 2000, was proud to publish one of its major works entitled *100 Years of Palestinian History*, a chronicle of events within or related to Palestine and the Palestinians as they occurred - be they in Jerusalem, the rest of Palestine, the wider Arab region, or the international context - throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Based on the positive feedback generated by the book as well as on the need to continue documenting - and thus preserving - Palestinian contemporary history, PASSIA decided to produce and publish annual follow-up volumes reviewing the yearly events in Palestine in a series of commemorative yearbooks. As part of this project - entitled *Palestine in Review* - PASSIA was pleased to present the first two volumes in 2003, both of which are richly illustrated with photographs, textboxes and maps.

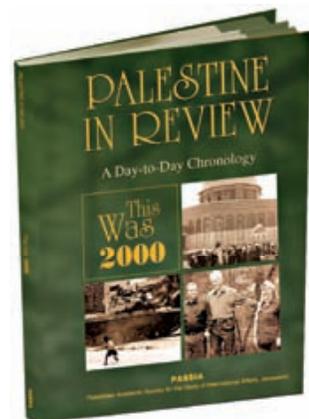
### ■ ***Palestine in Review – This Was 2000***

*September 2003 (English, 71 pages)*

ISBN # : 9950-305-03-9

by **PASSIA Team**

*This Was 2000* provides a comprehensive and chronological account of the events that unfolded during the year 2000 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 2000* is thus a day-by-day snapshot of a year that will be remembered for the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada and the collapse of the Oslo peace process, which was characterized by a culture of negotiations. Despite events

such as the Pope's visit to the Holy Land, the Camp David II talks, and the attempts to formulate and employ vague formulas relating to the establishment of a Palestinian state, the overwhelming images of 2000 will remain those of hundreds of Palestinian martyrs and thousands of wounded, ongoing demonstrations of Israel's military might, and the further Bantustanization of the West Bank and Gaza Strip through continuous settlement expansion and the erection of countless checkpoints.

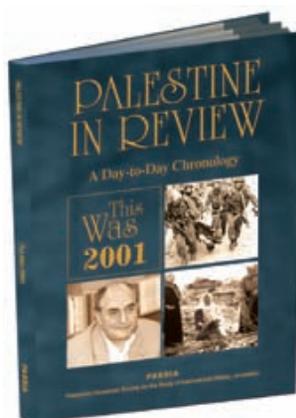
■ ***Palestine in Review – This Was 2001***

December 2003 (English, 100 pages)

ISBN # : 9950-305-05-5

by **PASSIA Team**

*This Was 2001* records the history that Palestinians have lived through and witnessed during 2001 and is intended to serve all those who are interested in tracing the events and issues as they unfolded as well as detailing those who were involved, why and how events unfolded the way they did, and where the relevant venues were.



2001 was one of many traumatic years for Palestinians; it saw Ariel Sharon elected as Prime Minister of Israel, the Israeli army stepping up its savage repression of the Intifada, incl. invasion and reoccupation of Palestinian cities, camps and towns, and the Palestinians losing one of their most tireless and steadfast leaders, Faisal Husseini, who had devoted his life to the struggle for Jerusalem.

With regard to the peace process, 2001 will probably be remembered as the year that the Oslo process finally died, and on the global stage, events were overshadowed – and world attention diverted - by the attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington on September 11th.

## Special Research Project

■ ***Water in Palestine – Problems – Politics - Prospects***

October 2003 (English, 308 pages)

ISBN # : 9950-305-04-7

**Various contributors**; edited by **Fadia Daibes**

Water has been a major issue in the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations since the early 1990s, but to date, little progress has been made on either the bilateral

or the multilateral track and the agreements signed between Israel and the PLO have failed to improve the situation. The water problem thus remains one of the most contentious issues that is yet to be resolved between Israel and Palestine. The current water crisis is not only a consequence of the water scarcity in the region, but also an inherent part of the general Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

In light of the above and based on the fact that the water issue is multidisciplinary in nature, which, coupled with the existing political problems, implies that any solution relating to the water situation will affect other fields, disciplines and issues, the **PASSIA Water Project** attempted to identify those issues, pinpoint the crucial facts, and clarify the commonly used terminology.

The book contains five comprehensive research papers on the following subjects:

Chapter 1: Water-Related Politics and Their Legal Aspects – A Progressive Approach For Solving The Water Conflict (by *Fadia Daibes*)

Chapter 2: Water Supply and Demand Development in Palestine: Current Status and Future Prospects (by *Anan Jayyousi*).

Chapter 3: Palestinian Water Needs and Rights in the Context of Past and Future Development (by *Yousef Nasser*).

Chapter 4: Future Water Institutions in Palestine (by *Marwan Haddad*).

Chapter 5: Impact of Jewish Settlements on Palestinian Water Resources (by *Fayez Freijjat*).

In addition to the research papers, the book contains a glossary, a comprehensive and specialized bibliography of articles, books and other works related to the water issue within the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, an annotated Internet Guide to relevant websites on water, a list of Palestinian institutes and organizations working on water issues and the environment generally, further water-related documentation, and maps.

