

9. PASSIA DESK DIARY

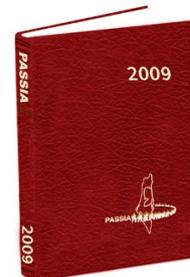
Every year since 1988, PASSIA has published its “Diary”, which continues to follow its original aims and goals, i.e., to provide a comprehensive directory of contact information for relevant organizations operating in the West Bank and Gaza – listing names, addresses, main activities – combined with a full day-to-day planner (calendar) of the respective year and a comprehensive compilation of events and statistics related to Palestine and the Palestinians.

The PASSIA Desk Diary is annually updated – entries are added, changed or removed and new addresses and information are included. 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.

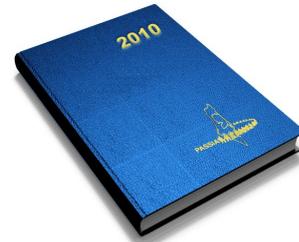
Contents

As in previous years, the 2009 and 2010 editions of the PASSIA Desk Diary included updated and new addresses, a comprehensive calendar, and information and statistics on relevant events and issues, as they became available throughout the preceding years.

The **2009 edition** contained 456 pages and was dedicated to the occasion of “Al-Quds – Capital of Arab Culture 2009,” with educational textboxes on “The Heritage of Arab Culture” spread throughout the diary’s calendar section. Furthermore, the diary included selected paintings of Jerusalem by Sliman Mansour as well as poems by Palestinian and Arab writers, and photographs depicting snapshots of Jerusalem’s religious, historical and architectural legacy.



The **2010 edition** contained 448 pages. The calendar section included textboxes with informational material on the Palestinian Liberation organization (“The Making of the PLO”) – its background, beginnings, evolution, structure, leaders and present status. The final section of the diary contains some paintings on Jerusalem by the Palestinian Jerusalemite artist Taleb Dweik.



Each Desk Diary was further organized as follows:

The first section is the **Directory**, which contains details of Palestinian and international institutions operating in the Palestinian Territories. The fact that it is annually updated as well as the comprehensiveness of the directory is unique and makes it an invaluable resource for all those interested in or working on the

Palestine Question. Among the information provided one finds names of contact persons, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and mailing addresses, internet websites (where available), and a brief background for most organizations on their main fields of work. The directory also includes an index that facilitates the search for a certain entry. Directory entries included the following:

- **Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO):** Executive Committee, PLO Departments, Palestinian National Council, Delegations Abroad, Representation in International Bodies
- **Palestinian Authority (PA):** President's Office, Ministries, PLC (members), Attorney General, Higher Judicial Council, Agencies, Institutions, Commissions and Councils, Police and Security, and Local Government Administration (Governorates, Municipalities & Village Councils)
- **Political Parties and Factions**
- **Academic and Research Centers**
- **Agriculture**
- Associations & Unions**
 - **Chambers of Commerce**
 - **Charitable Organizations**
 - **Cultural Centers:** Art & Galleries, Cultural & Folklore Centers, Film & Cinema, Literature, Museums, Music & Dance, Theater
 - **Democracy, Peace & Community Development Centers**
 - **Diplomatic Missions:** Embassies, Consulates, Representative Offices to the PA
 - **Education:** Universities, Colleges, Schools, Training and Vocational Centers, Early Childhood Education, Educational Institutes, and Libraries
 - **Environment & Water**
 - **Financial & Development Institutions:** Banks, Credit, Investment & Consulting Companies, Money Changers
 - **Governmental Aid Missions**
 - **Health:** Hospitals, Clinics & Centers, Physicians, Pharmacies
 - **Human Rights & Law:** Human Rights Centers, Law Offices, Lawyers
 - **International & UN Organizations**
 - **Israeli Activist Groups**
 - **Media & Press** (local, regional and international)

Inside pages

- **NGOs Operating in Palestine:** Coordinating Groups, Foreign NGOs
- **Palestinian Organizations in Israel**
- **Religious Forums & Centers** (Islamic and Christian)
- **Restaurants**
- **Services:** Accountants, Advertisement, Print & Design, Bookshops & Stationary, Car Rentals, Computers/Software & IT, Couriers & Express Services, E-mail & Internet, Insurances, Management Consulting & Development, Photo Studios, Planning & Engineering, Real Estate, Telecommunication & Office Equipment, Translation & Editing, and Others
- **Sport Clubs and Fitness Centers**
- **Trade - Import/Export**
- **Travel and Tourism:** Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Hospices & Guesthouses, Touristic and Recreational Sites, Travel Agencies, Tourism Companies & Tour Operators, Taxis & Transportation

Women's Organizations

- **Youth Organizations**

The **second section** includes **standard features**, 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. Each calendar page also includes a box providing details of international treaties, conventions, resolutions and so forth that relate to the Palestine Question.

The **third section** of the Diary is the **Agenda**, a source of information and facts about Palestine and the Palestinians. The agenda begins with 14 chapters in which the following aspects of Palestinian society and the Palestine Question are described, supported by tables, statistics and suggestions for further research (reading material and website references):

- **Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms**
- **Israeli Occupation Policies**
- **Geography**
- **Population**
- **Refugees**
- **Land & Settlements**
- **Water & Environment**

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- **Economy: general**, Agriculture, Industry & Private Sector, Labor & Employment, Tourism, Trade, Finances
- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Infrastructure:** Housing & Construction, Electricity & Energy, Transport & Roads, Communications
- **Society & Living Conditions**
- **Government:** Administration, Elections, Rule of Law, Negotiations, Police & Security, State of Palestine.
- **Jerusalem:** History, Legal Status, Negotiations, Population, Residency Rights, Housing & House Demolitions, Land & Settlements, The Old City, Israeli (Municipal) Policies, as well as a Chronology of events in Jerusalem throughout 2008 and 2009 respectively.

The **fourth and final part** of the agenda comprises a **Palestine Chronology** for 2008 and 2009 respectively, a full list of available PASSIA **publications**, as well as a set of colored **maps**, illustrating historical and contemporary aspects of the Palestine-Israel conflict, including maps on Israel's settlement policy and its separation wall, the distribution of refugees and the situation in Jerusalem.