

2. Research Program

PASSIA's has undertaken its *Research Studies Program* ever since its foundation in 1987. To date, this endeavor has resulted in over 200 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 **2008/2009 Research Program**, PASSIA published three bulletins: one on the ***Nakba - The Process of Palestinian Dispossession***, another one on ***Gaza***, and the third on ***Israeli Settlement Activities & Related Policies in Jerusalem***. In addition, PASSIA published an updated and revised version of the publication ***Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms***, and a volume of its *This Was...* series, i.e., an illustrated annual chronology for 2006. As part of a special project, entitled ***Cultural Footprints in Jerusalem***, two more publications were produced, one on Germany and Jerusalem, the other on Sweden and Jerusalem. 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, *Religious Studies Unit*).

Research Studies

■ **Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms**

2nd, revised & updated ed., December 2008 (English, 128 pages, numerous photos)
ISBN: 9950-305-06-3

by **PASSIA Team**

Dictionary of Palestinian Political Terms provides the reader in a simple yet comprehensive fashion with the terminology used by policy-makers, journalists, academics, commentators, and analysts, in discussing the unfolding events as well as the complexities and nuances of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. To serve this task, this volume contains almost 700 brief, to the point entries, which provide - arranged in alphabetical order - definitions and explanations of key terms on all aspects of Palestinian politics, from political factions, movements and institutions to issues related to the Middle East peace process to key concepts, terms and documents that define Palestinian political life, events, and international relations.



■ **Bulletin – Nakba - The Process of Palestinian Dispossession**

by **PASSIA Team**

May 2008 (English, 24 pages)

This bulletin intends to present a Palestinian record of the *Nakba* – a calamity which has been reduced in the minds of many to a few months of violent conflict and labeled “The 1948 War”. It is in fact a continuous process of colonialism that began with the first Zionist settlements and the idea of an organized Zionist movement at the end of the 19th Century. The bulletin outlines how and that - after gathering momentum with the establishment of the Jewish National Fund, whose express purpose was the acquisition of Arab land in Palestine, Syria and the Sinai, in 1901 - the process of the *Nakba* continues to this day through the discriminatory and expansionist practices of the Israeli establishment, facilitated by the support or soft criticism of the international community that has been an integral part of Israeli strategy for the past 60 years.



■ **Bulletin – Gaza**

by **PASSIA Team**

June 2008 (English, 16 pages)

Most of the world looks at Gaza through a prism of news footage comprised of missile attacks, political turmoil, and humanitarian crisis. However, Gaza is a vital part of the Palestinian entity and identity, and its place in the middle of the Palestinian Question makes it a prominent focus of global politics. In effect, the fate of Gaza and the Palestinian people of Gaza will parallel that of the conflict as a whole; nothing can be decided without factoring in the Strip and its inhabitants. With that in mind, this bulletin intends to answer the basic questions that surround the territory and its place in the larger picture of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The bulletin thereby looks at issues such as the physical and political separation between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, summarizes current facts and figures about Gaza, and analyses the difficult relationship of Fateh and Hamas in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of related issues.

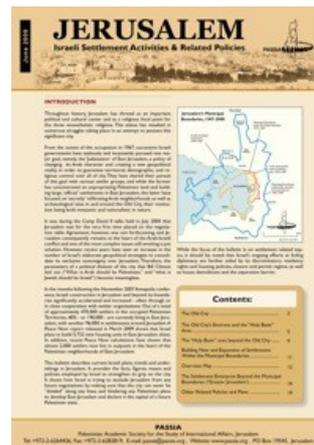


■ **Bulletin – Israeli Settlement Activities and Related Policies in Jerusalem**

by **PASSIA Team**

June 2009 (English, 16 pages)

This Special Bulletin presents the basic facts and figures relating to the issue of settlements as well as the Wall Israel is currently building in and around Jerusalem. It intends to shed some light on certain significant recent events and developments in city, including the growing presence of Israeli settlers in and around the Old City, the expansion of settlements in the wider Jerusalem area, and the impact of the separation barrier - all of which were carefully designed to make any serious discussion relating to the establishment of a future Palestinian capital in Jerusalem impossible.



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

Volumes of PASSIA's *This Was...* series provide a comprehensive and chronological account of the events that unfolded during the years in review and the players that shaped the year from a Palestinian perspective. In doing so, events are placed 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 2006

June 2009 (English, 115 pages, numerous photos)
ISBN: 978-9950-305-32-8

