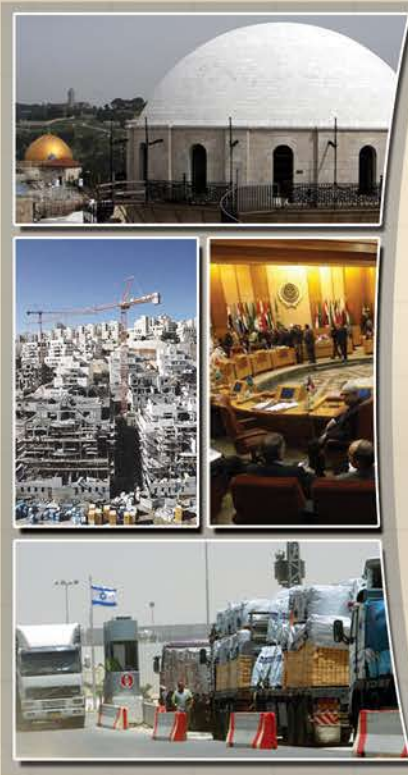


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## List of Abbreviations

AIPAC	The American Israel Public Affairs Committee
AOHR	Arab Organisation for Human Rights
BCM	Billion Cubic Meters
CAEC	Committees on Arms Export Controls
CAP	Consolidated Appeal Process
CBR	Crude Birth Rate
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDR	Crude Death Rate
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
DFLP	Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine
EC	European Commission
ECESG	European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza
EU	European Union
FRC	Fatah Revolutionary Council
FY	Fiscal Year
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GCF	Gross Capital Formation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNDI	Gross National Disposable Income
GNI	Gross National Income
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GS	Gaza Strip
HRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAI	Israel Aerospace Industries
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INB	Islamic National Bank
ISA	Israel Security Agency (Shabak)
KSA	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
MCM	Million Cubic Meters
MK	Member of the Knesset



NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OCHA-oPt	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-occupied Palestinian territory
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIC	Organization of Islamic Cooperation
PA	Palestinian Authority
PCBS	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
PEGASE	Palestino-Européen de Gestion et d'Aide Socio-Economique
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
PFLP-GC	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command
PIJ	Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine
PLC	Palestinian Legislative Council
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PM	Prime Minister
PMA	Palestine Monetary Authority
PNC	Palestinian National Council
PNP	Palestinian National Plan
PPP	Palestinian People's Party
PWA	Palestinian Water Authority
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
US/ USA	United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WB	West Bank
WEF	World Economic Forum
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
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*Chapter Seven:*

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## Introduction

The year 2010 marks the sixth year for *The Palestinian Strategic Report*. For researchers, specialists and those who are interested in the Palestinian issue, it has become an essential reference on the Palestinian studies. It offers an analytical objective coverage of various events in the Palestinian arena, providing data, surveys and precise updated figures.

The uniqueness and credibility of the *Report* made it one of the most important Palestinian references worldwide. It became a must for specialists, experts academicians, who are interested in the Palestinian issue; besides the libraries of universities and research centers.

The internal Palestinian situation did not make any substantial progress during 2010. However, the reconciliation agreement was signed among the Palestinian factions in May 2011. Nonetheless, no real changes were made during the rest of the year; as the peace process reached a stalemate in 2010–2011, while the Israeli side insisted on continuing construction and expanding settlements in the West Bank.

2011 was the year of the “Arab Spring” in the Arab world. Several Arab countries witnessed popular uprisings demanding either genuine reforms or changing the political system. They achieved different levels of success in some countries, while other countries of the region are still boiling, especially in Syria. A new map is being formed in the Arab world, which will have a tremendous impact on the Palestinian issue. Hence, it is still early to specify the expected changes. Yet, the rise of the Islamists and the establishment of political systems that reflect the will of the people, may lead to more supportive policies towards the Palestinian issue and more independence in the process of decision making apart from the American and western pressure.

This *Report* covers 2010 and almost the first three months of 2011. So, many events which occurred in the rest of 2011, related to the Palestinian issue and the impact of the “Arab Spring,” will be discussed thoroughly in *The Palestinian Strategic Report 2011/12*.

As for the English version, much effort was done, not only to give the right and clear meaning, but also to bring the exact quotations from their English original, besides making sure of using the right terminology for names, places and organizations.

*The Palestinian Strategic Report 2010/11* was written by 14 professors and specialized experts. Al-Zaytouna consultants played an important role in evaluating, developing, and refereeing the chapters of the *Report*. Special thanks should go to al-Zaytouna Arabic and English assistant editors and the Archive Department team who played a vital role in preparing the *Report* and putting it into shape. Deepest gratitude is extended to our wonderful team of translators. Special thanks should go to Mr. Tom Charles, whose valuable linguistic revision made the text more comprehensible to native English speakers.

Finally, we thank everyone who encouraged and supported this *Report*. We are always open to advice, guidance, and constructive criticism.

**The Editor,  
Dr. Mohsen Moh'd Saleh**

## This Report

The Palestinian Strategic Report 2010/11 is the sixth in a series of annual resourceful scientific studies. The Report discusses the developments of the Palestinian issue of this period, in an objective and comprehensive manner. The meticulous analytical reading of events tries also to foresee the future. This Report has become a basic reference in Palestinian studies, it is a must read for all those concerned.

An outstanding team of 14 academics and experts contributed to this Report. It is divided into eight chapters, that cover the internal Palestinian situation, the Israeli scene and the Israeli-Palestinian relations, the Arab, Muslim and international stances toward the Palestinian issue. This Report focuses also on the issue of Jerusalem and the holy sites; whereas, the demographic and economic indicators are studied and analyzed in two separate chapters.

As a serious addition to Palestinian studies, those interested in this field, including specialists, experts, libraries of universities and research centers, should have their copies of this Report.

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