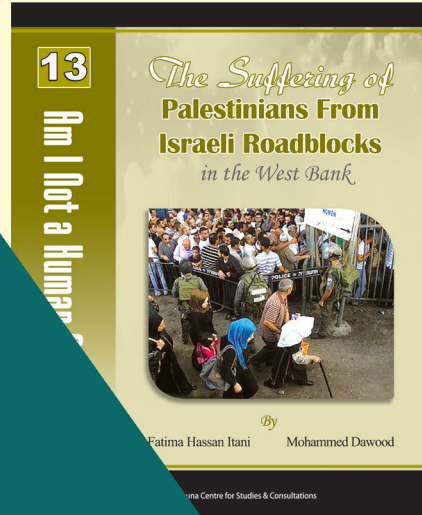


# Al-Zaytouna Activities 2017



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## *Introduction*

Al-Zaytouna presents its Activities Report of the year 2017, where this period witnessed various activities in the fields of publications, studies, strategic assessments, political analyses, translations, conferences and panel discussions, archives and training. Al-Zaytouna website continues to be considered one of the most active Middle East think tanks websites, and it is widely popular on various social media sites. As for other media outlets, al-Zaytouna Centre is quite known and its activities are constantly covered.





## *Al-Zaytouna Centre*

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations is an independent licensed corporation established in Beirut, Lebanon in 2004.

### **Overview**

Al-Zaytouna Centre conducts contemporaneous strategic studies, along with projections for future developments, on the Arab and Muslim worlds. It focuses on the Palestinian issue and the conflict with Israel as well as related Palestinian, Arab, Islamic and international developments.

The Centre seeks to establish a wide ranging database, and classifies it along the most modern scientific and technical methods. In active cooperation with scholars, experts and specialists, the Centre drives to publish scholarly studies, and research projects. The Centre is also concerned with organizing training courses, offering consultations and holding seminars, lectures and conferences.

The Centre strives to raise the local, regional and international awareness about the realities and repercussions of the events in the region. It also aims to attract qualified researchers to conduct studies concerning national, Arab and Muslim world issues.

### **The Centre's General Policies**

1. Al-Zaytouna Centre is an independent and non-governmental scientific center that is not affiliated to any party or group.
2. Studies and consultations are conducted solely to promote knowledge and truth, and consolidate the legitimate rights of the people of the region.
3. Academic objectivity, accuracy of information and qualitative research are strictly observed and pursued.
4. Collaboration and integration with similar centers and institutions is a priority for the Centre.
5. Openness to all ideas and new intellectual and political trends is a prime concern of the Centre.
6. The Centre does not accept any preconditioned funds that may adversely affect its mission and objectives.

### **Al-Zaytouna's Board of Consultants**

Al-Zaytouna Centre has a Board of Consultants of eminent scholars, thinkers and researchers, whose names are alphabetically listed below:

1. Prof. Dr. 'Abd al-Wahab al-Masiri: Thinker and expert in Zionism and Israeli studies.\*
2. Prof. Dr. 'Adnan al-Sayyid Hussein: Former President of the Lebanese University, former Lebanese minister of state.
3. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Mubarak al-Khaldi: Former minister of justice, former dean, Faculty of Law, An-Najah National University, Palestine.

4. Prof. Dr. Amin Mahmud Abdullah: Former minister of culture, former minister of higher education and scientific research, Jordan.
5. Prof. Dr. Anis al-Sayegh: Former director of PLO Research Centre.\*
6. Prof. Dr. Bayan Nuwayhed al-Hout: Expert in modern Palestinian history.
7. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ahmad Ibrahim: Expert in African and Middle Eastern history.
8. Prof. Dr. ‘Imad al-Din Khalil: Thinker and historian.
9. Prof. Dr. Ishaq al-Farhan: Former minister of education, former president of the Jordanian University.
10. Prof. Dr. Kamalin Shaath: Former President of the Islamic University of Gaza.
11. Dr. Mahmud al-Mubarak: Professor of international law, King Faisal University, KSA.
12. Prof. Dr. Mohammad ‘Amarah: Thinker and historian.
13. Prof. Dr. Mohammad ‘Issa Salhie: Expert in Islamic and Arab history.\*
14. Prof. Dr. Mohammad al-Musfir: Professor of political science, Qatar University.
15. Prof. Dr. Mona Haddad Yakan: Former president of Jinan University, Lebanon.\*
16. Mr. Munir Shafiq: Thinker and former director of the PLO Planning Bureau.
17. Prof. Dr. ‘Omar al-Ashqar: Former dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Zarqa University, Jordan.\*
18. Mr. Salah ‘Abd al-Maqsoud: Former minister of Information, Egypt, and the Former director of Arab Media Centre.
19. Dr. Salahuddin al-Dabbagh: Former member of the Palestine National Council and Executive Committee of the PLO.
20. Dr. Tareq al-Suwaidan: Thinker and management expert.

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### **The Centre’s Activities and Services**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data and archival material.</li> <li>2. Researches and studies.</li> <li>3. Palestinian Strategic Report.</li> <li>4. Annual Palestinian Documents.</li> <li>5. Strategic Assessment and policy papers.</li> <li>6. Information Report series.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. “Palestine Today” electronic daily newsletter.</li> <li>8. Website.</li> <li>9. Specialized translations.</li> <li>10. Conferences, seminars and lectures.</li> <li>11. Participation in book fairs and conferences.</li> <li>12. Consultations and training.</li> </ol> |
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### **Administrative Departments**

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## *Achievements and Activities*

### **First: Publications**

During 2017, al-Zaytouna Centre had published 9 books in both English and Arabic, where three of those were reviewed by renowned scholars. In these publications, the principles of academic objectivity, accuracy of information and quality research were strictly observed.

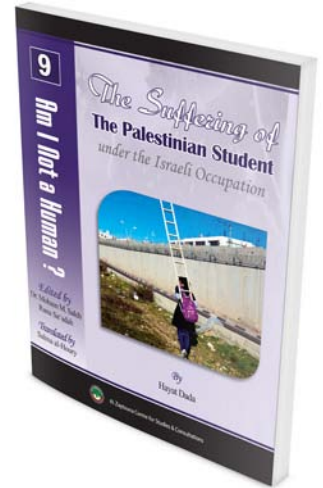
Besides, the center is keen to print out its publications and design them according to the best technical specifications, taking into consideration the pricing of these books in a policy that aims to achieve a wider spread of them and enabling the greatest number of interests to acquire and make use of these books.

The following is a list of the 2017 al-Zaytouna Centre publications:

No.	Title
1	<i>The Suffering of the Palestinian Student Under Israeli Occupation (English)</i>
2	<i>Al-Jama'ah Al-Islamiyyah in Lebanon: 1975–2000 (Arabic)</i>
3	<i>The Palestine Daily Chronicle of 2016 (Arabic)</i>
4	<i>The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas): Studies of Thoughts &amp; Experience (English)</i>
5	<i>Sidi 'Umar: The Memoirs of Muhammad Abu Tair About Resistance and His 33 Years in Israeli Jails (Arabic)</i>
6	<i>Palestinian Resistance Against Israeli Occupation in Jerusalem 1987–2015 (Arabic)</i>
7	<i>Turkish-Israeli Relations 2002–2016 (Arabic)</i>
8	<i>The Palestine Documents for the Year 2011 (Arabic)</i>
9	<i>How We Sue Israel?: International Suit Against Israel &amp; Its Leaders Over Their Crimes Against Palestinians (Arabic)</i>

### 1. *The Suffering of the Palestinian Student under the Israeli Occupation (English)*

The book endeavors to present a full and complete picture of the suffering of Palestinian student under Israeli occupation. The Israeli authorities have endeavored to tighten their grip on the Palestinian education sector, through controlling the educational process, in its comprehensive concept and all its elements. These include the curriculum, the school, the teacher and the student, with the aim to obtain outcomes that are in line with Israel's future plans for the occupied territories. The book reviews the most important international legislation relative to the right to education in times of peace and war, the impact of Israeli policies that seek to impose ignorance on Palestinians, and the effect of daily attacks, the siege and the Separation Wall on the Palestinian student. This book is the 9th in the series "Am I Not A Human?" which is issued by al-Zaytouna Centre.



**Prepared by:** Hayat Dada

**Edited by:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh and Rana Sa'adah

**Language Revision:** Tom Charles

**Paperback:** 95 pages

**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2016/12/27/suffering-palestinian-student-israeli-occupation/>

**For free download:** <http://bit.ly/2xloLwe>

### 2. *Al-Jama'ah Al-Islamiyyah in Lebanon: 1975–2000 (Arabic)*

This book tackles the organizational evolution of the group, the spread of its doctrine, the political and military performance, and the institutionalized work of al-Jama'ah. It relied significantly on oral history, as well as available documents, published information, and interviews with more than sixty figures covering leaders and cadres of al-Jama'ah al-Islamiyyah, who were witnesses to the events and histories documented.

At the end, there is a list containing brief biographies of the figures interviewed, and two appendices containing photos and documents.

**Prepared by:** Amal Itani, Rana Sa'adah and Fatima Itani

**Supervised and edited by:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

**Hardcover:** 382 pages

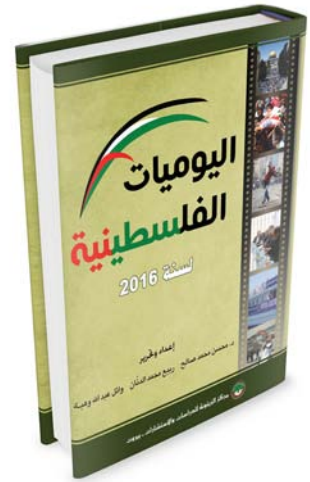
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### 3. *The Palestine Daily Chronicle: Year 2016 (Arabic)*

This the third volume of the “The Palestine Daily Chronicle.” It is considered one of the most important periodicals issued by al-Zaytouna Centre. It addresses the most prominent events related to the Palestinian issue during 2016. The book is a valuable reference, putting forth information and statistics of significance, related to both the Palestinian and the Israeli sides. The information include various aspects of Palestinian political, economic, cultural, social and educational performance, Jerusalem, the performance of the resistance, the internal situation... and others. The book also covers matters related to Israel economically, socially, security-wise and militarily, as well as matters related to settlement building, Judaization programs, attacks on holy sites, and the peace process.



**Prepared & Edited by:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, Rabi‘ al-Dannan, and Wa’el Wehbe

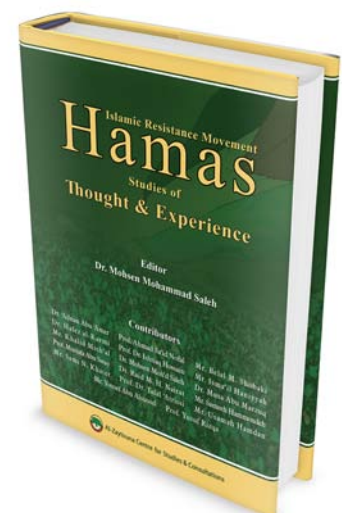
**Hard Cover:** 572 pages

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### 4. *Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas): Studies of Thought & Experience (English)*

The book examines Hamas’s vision and experience in all its aspects. It falls in two parts. The first is a collection of eleven studies on Hamas and its experience; including the inception; political vision; conceptualization of the other; the relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and its factions, and the Islamic Palestinian movements; the peace process; Hamas’s vision for political and social reform in Palestine; Arab and Islamic relations; and its experience in government. While the eleventh chapter reviews Western academic literature on Hamas.

The second part of the book includes contributions by five senior Hamas leaders attempting to answer a miscellany of questions regarding different issues appertaining to the Movement.



**Edited by:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

**Senior Language Editor:** Rana Sa‘adah

**Language Revision:** Tom Charles

**Hardcover:** 704 pages

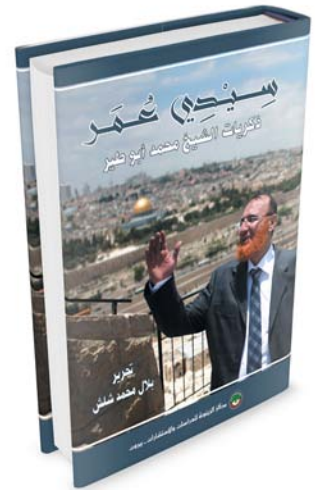
**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/05/04/islamic-resistance-movement-hamas-studies-thoughts-experience/>

**For free download:** <http://bit.ly/2vb0ckj>

### 5. *Sidi ‘Umar: The Memoirs of Muhammad Abu Tair About Resistance and His 33 Years in the Israeli Jails (Arabic)*

One of the most prominent books on the experience of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails published in modern Palestinian history. It chronicles more than forty years of the Palestinian prisoner’s experience, from the viewpoint of Sheikh Muhammad Abu Tair, from his membership of Fatah, then al-Jama‘ah al-Islamiyyah, and then Hamas.

Sheikh Muhammad Abu Tair is one of the most prominent leaders in Palestine and one of the most prominent symbols of prisoners in Israeli jails. He is a former Fatah militant symbol, then a symbol of leadership in Hamas and a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC).



**Edited by:** Bilal Mohammad Shalash

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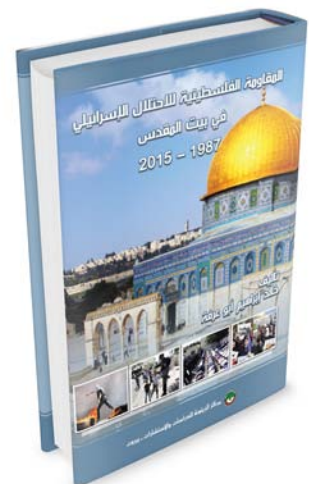
**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/08/24/sidi-umar-memoirs-muhammad-abu-tair-resistance-33-years-israeli-jails-arabic/>

**For free download:** <http://bit.ly/2yIrTWI>

### 6. *The Palestinian Resistance Against Israeli Occupation of Jerusalem 1987–2015 (Arabic)*

This book highlights the historical sequence of uprisings and protests, and the motives behind Palestinians’ insistence to resist the Israeli occupation, which was the first reason to obstruct the absolute Judaization of the city. It tackles how the resistance in Jerusalem has developed its performance in accordance to the Israeli security developments. Moreover, the book explains how resistance passes through generations without stoppage.

It is a qualitative addition to the sources sought by researchers into resistance in Jerusalem.



**Author:** Khaled Ibrahim Abu ‘Arafah

**Hard Cover:** 400 pages

**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/08/31/palestinian-resistance-israeli-occupation-jerusalem-1987-2015-arabic/>

**For free download:** <http://bit.ly/2z6KHQe>

### 7. *Turkish-Israeli Relations 2002–2016 (Arabic)*

The book examines the various aspects of Turkish-Israeli relations, and explores the phases and developments they underwent in 2002–2016, in addition to how the two sides dealt with the cycles of deterioration and improvement in these relations.

Comprised of four chapters, the book offers a historic overview of the political, military, and economic ties between the two countries from 1949 to 2002. It discusses Turkey and Israel's shared interests in light of Turkey's new foreign policy following the victory of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in the 2002 general election. Then it tackles the issues of contention between the two countries, and the impact on their relations at various levels. The author outlines the developments witnessed by Turkish-Israeli relations in 2015–2016, with Turkey's foreign policy seeking to build bridges with the Arab and Muslim world, and to lift the blockade on Gaza. Thus, concluding that Turkish-Israeli relations are currently improving, following a six-year period of diplomatic estrangement.

**Author:** Ahmed Khaled Alzatari

**Paperback:** 110 pages

**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/09/07/turkish-israeli-relations-2002-2016-arabic/>

**For free download of Chapter Two (Arabic):** <http://bit.ly/2zCrJNB>



### 8. *The Palestine Documents for the Year 2011 (Arabic)*

The Palestine Documents is one of the most important periodic publications issued by al-Zaytouna. These documents are considered one of the most important sources of information that are indispensable for any researcher or specialist. The center has issued seven volumes of Palestinian Documents for the years 2005–2011.

The book includes 339 documents related to the events of the Palestinian issue in 2011 that witnessed many developments on the internal, regional and international levels. The documents are meticulously selected and categorized according to their priority and role in changing the course of the Palestinian issue.

The editorial team insists on strictly adhering to academic standards. The texts of the documents were revised both academically and linguistically. It is also enriched with indexes of names, places, organizations, and conferences.

**Editors:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh and Wael A. Sa'ad

**Hardcover:** 714 pages

**For more:** <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/11/20/palestine-documents-year-2011/>

**For Documents free download:** <http://bit.ly/2zsWDqY>



### 9. How We Sue Israel?: International Suit Against Israel & Its Leaders Over Their Crimes Against Palestinians (Arabic)

This book charts out a judicial roadmap of what is required by Palestinian, Arab, Islamic, and international parties to prosecute Israel and its leaders. The main issue addressed by the author is just how possible it is to sue Israel as a state, and its leaders as officials and individuals for their crimes against Palestinians, and how this could be achieved.

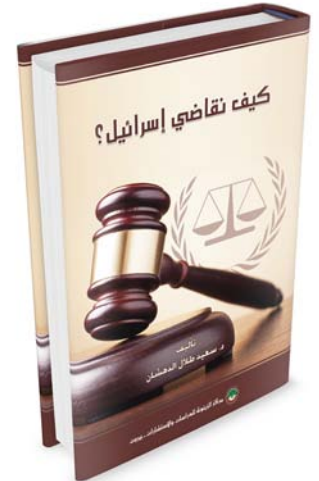
**Author:** Dr. Sa'id Talal Al-Dahshan

**Hardcover:** 335 pages

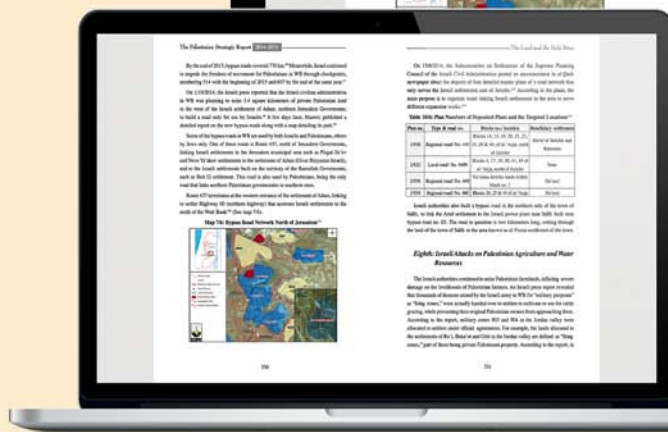
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## Second: Strategic Assessment

This assessment is a periodic report characterized by its rich material. It seeks to study a particular incident or issue and anticipate its future developments. It highlights the likeliest scenario and then ends the assessment with some suggestions and recommendations.

The strategic assessment usually addresses the Palestinian issue and the related Arab, Islamic and international dimensions. In addition, it tackles other issues which fall within the Centre's interests.

Al-Zaytouna Centre had published 103 strategic assessments by September 2017, including 9 of which were published in that year and addressed the following topics:

1. Strategic Assessment (95): The Strategic Implications of the Shifts in Fatah's Role and Identity in the Light of Its Seventh Conference (5/1/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/01/16/strategic-assessment-95-strategic-implications-shifts-fatahs-role-identity-light-seventh-conference/>
2. Strategic Assessment (96): The Scenarios for Trump's Relocation of the US Embassy to Jerusalem (17/1/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/01/19/strategic-assessment-96-scenarios-trumps-relocation-us-embassy-jerusalem/>
3. Strategic Assessment (97): 'Ain al-Hilweh Refugee Camp: Where Do We Go From Here? (6/3/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/03/15/strategic-assessment-97-ain-al-hilweh-refugee-camp-go/>
4. Strategic Assessment (98): Prospects for Resettling Palestinians in Sinai (29/3/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/04/06/strategic-assessment-98-prospects-resettling-palestinians-sinai/>
5. Strategic Assessment (99): The Future of Hamas's Regional Alignment in Light of its Political Charter and Internal Elections (29/5/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/04/09/strategic-assessment-99-future-hamass-regional-alignment-light-political-charter-internal-elections/>
6. Strategic Assessment (100): The Repercussions of the Gulf Crisis on the Palestinian Issue (20/7/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/07/25/strategic-assessment-100-repercussions-gulf-crisis-palestinian-issue/>
7. Strategic Assessment (101): The Future of the Relationship Between Hamas and Egypt in Light of Recent Agreements in Cairo (1/8/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/08/08/strategic-assessment-101-future-relationship-hamas-egypt-light-recent-agreements-cairo/>
8. Strategic Assessment (102): The Israeli-African Summit and the Future of Bilateral Relations (29/8/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/09/14/strategic-assessment-102-israeli-african-summit-future-bilateral-relations/>
9. Strategic Assessment (103): The Future of Syria's Palestinians (29/9/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/10/05/strategic-assessment-103-future-syrias-palestinians/>





## Third: Political Analyses and Articles

The Centre strives to raise the local, regional and international awareness about the realities and repercussions of the events in the region, with special reference to the Palestinian issue and the conflict with Israel. Therefore, it is in active cooperation with scholars, experts and specialists, publishing various analyses, articles and scholarly studies. In 2017, it published the following articles, analyses and papers, where these 15 articles were published.

1. Political Opinion: The Popular Conference of Palestinians Abroad (31/1/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/01/31/political-analysis-popular-conference-palestinians-abroad/>
2. Political Opinion: Scholars and Palestine.. Applying Texts in Contemporary Times (27/2/2017) (Arabic) <http://bit.ly/2wSUsfU>
3. Political Opinion: Palestinian Refugee Camps: Testimonies to the Nakbah ... and the Nakbah of Testimonies (10/4/2017) (English) <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/04/10/political-opinion-palestinian-refugee-camps-testimonies-nakbah-nakbah-testimonies/>
4. Report Review: White Paper on German Security Policy and Its Impact on the Palestinian and Arab Issues (25/4/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/04/25/report-review-white-paper-german-security-policy-impact-palestinian-arab-issues/>
5. Political Opinion: The Samiri and the Calf and Gaza Strip (26/4/2017) (Arabic)  
<http://bit.ly/2zlbxAG>
6. Academic Article: Trump's Tour in the Arab Region and Its Future Implications (1/6/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/06/01/academic-article-trumps-tour-arab-region-future-implications-dr-walid-abd-al-hay/>
7. Academic Paper: Prospects of the Palestinian Authority Economic Performance for 2017–2018 (8/6/2017), <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/06/08/academic-paper-prospects-palestinian-authority-economic-performance-2017-2018/>
8. Political Analysis: On the Debate Regarding Hamas's Political Document (15/6/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/06/15/political-analysis-debate-regarding-hamass-political-document-dr-mohsen-mohammad-saleh/>
9. Political Analysis: Beyond the Targeting of Qatar (5/7/2017) (English) <https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/07/05/political-analysis-beyond-targeting-qatar-dr-mohsen-mohammad-saleh/>
10. Political Opinion: Al-Aqsa and Jerusalem: Enough is Enough! (3/8/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/08/03/political-opinion-al-aqsa-jerusalem-enough-enough/>
11. Political Analysis: Is the "Campbell-Bannerman Document": Real or Fake? (28/9/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/09/28/political-analysis-campbell-bannerman-document-real-fake/>
12. Political Opinion: The Palestinian Reconciliation "Game" (10/10/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/10/10/political-opinion-palestinian-reconciliation-game/>
13. Political Analysis: Why Should Britain Apologize For the Balfour Declaration? (29/10/2017) (English)  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/11/02/political-analysis-britain-apologize-balfour-declaration/>
14. Political Analysis: The International Community and the Palestinian Question: A Future Outlook (16/11/2017) (English)  
<https://bit.ly/2hyf5rU>
15. Political Analysis: Running after the Mirage of the Palestinian State (7/12/2017) (English)  
<https://bit.ly/2CWUiHY>

## Fourth: The Translation

The Translation Department at al-Zaytouna Centre provides the Centre's English website with all materials. Until September 2017, the Centre issued translations of 3 studies, 9 articles and 9 strategic assessments.

In 2017, the department published the 81th translation of *Tarjamat al-Zaytouna* series (Al-Zaytouna Translations). It is a study entitled "Turkey's Forward-Basing Posture," issued by Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM). It "provides a contextual framework for understanding of Ankara's military basing strategy beyond its borders, consisting of deployments in Northern Cyprus, Qatar and Somalia, as well as deployments in Iraq and Syria. It concludes that Turkey does not have a single, standard forward basing model, and each contingent, major base, training facility, and forward operating base has its own political–military agenda."



## Fifth: Information and Archives

The Information and Archives Department has an essential role in the work of al-Zaytouna Centre. The department daily follows the most important Arab, foreign and Israeli newspapers, news sites, Israeli and foreign research and study centers.

Apart from its regular work, the department provides information assistance to many researchers and academics, besides preparing several news reports on important current issue. It also prepares the Information Report series and the Information File series.

The department also issues "Palestine Today," an Arabic daily electronic newsletter dealing with all issues related to the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict. "Palestine Today," is issued without interruption throughout the days of the year where the department daily follows dozens of news sources in order to achieve this work.

The electronic newsletter provides rich material for researchers and specialists sparing them time and effort. It is characterized by an academic categorization, by which news can be easily browsed. After the news had been re-edited while maintaining their basic content, they are classified in an easy and comprehensive tab.

By the end of 2017, the Centre had published 4,510 issues, out of which 355 were published the same year.











## Sixth: Website and Social Media

Al-Zaytouna Centre website in both Arabic and English version has been updated during 2017.

Al-Zaytouna Centre is privileged with a very active and popular website in both Arabic and English languages. During 2017, we uploaded 168 (100 Arabic, 68 English) materials of our own publications, papers, political analyses, strategic assessments, etc. With our policy of Free Download for the most of our academic products, we enjoyed about three hundred thousands of Downloads by our visitors (aside from millions of hits and visits). Our material is widely used by researchers, university lecturers and students, and media. Many postgraduate students (in Palestine, Jordan and other MENA countries) doing their MA theses and PhD dissertations covering topics on the Palestinian Issue in the last ten years, usually use our material. Besides, by the end of 2017, we had more than 68 thousand followers on Facebook.

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2  Al Jazeera Centre for St...	160.4K	0%	53	208	
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5  ام للدراسات السياسية والاستراتيجية	31K	▲0.3%	7	131	
6  مؤسسة الدراسات الفلسطينية	13.3K	▲0.1%	3	40	
7  Center for Strategic Stu...	8.3K	▲0.1%	5	59	
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### **Seventh: Conferences and Panel Discussions**

To spread awareness on regional events at local, regional and international levels, the Centre holds panel discussions in accordance with its policy of openness to all ideas and intellectual and political trends. These specialized, scientific, objective, and free discussions address key issues and topics concerning the Palestinian issue. Hence, attaining results that best serve the Centre's stated objectives.

The discussions bring together a selection of specialists, researchers and experts on the Palestinian issue from around the world. They are highly organized and covered by the media.

These panel discussions are an important source for preparing books, reports and strategic assessments. The Centre publishes the minutes of the discussions on its site for the audience to benefit from them.

Up to the end of 2017, the Centre had held 48 conferences and panel discussions, out of which five were held in 2017, and they are:

#### **1. Conference: "The Issue of Palestine: Strategic Evaluation 2016 – Strategic Assessment 2017"**

(Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut on 15/2/2017)

Al-Zaytouna Centre held this conference with the participation of a selection of experts, academicians and intellectuals interested in the Palestinian affairs, in which they discussed the main developments of the Palestinian issue during 2016, and tried to chart the likely trends that would shape the 2017 Palestinian scene.

The conference keynote address was delivered by Khalid Mish'al, head of Hamas's politburo, who focused on the Palestinian national experience and Hamas's role, as well as possible trends and prospects. Whereas, in the second and third sessions, six papers were presented where participants discussed the developments pertaining to the internal Palestinian scene, the Arab-Israeli scene, and the external forces and environment affecting the Palestinian issue.

Notably, this conference is the ninth in a series of strategic evaluation and assessment seminars held by al-Zaytouna Centre every year to discuss the developments and trends related to the Palestinian issue.  
<https://eng.alzaytouna.net/2017/02/23/conference-issue-palestine-strategic-evaluation-2016-strategic-assessment-2017-2/>



## 2. Panel Discussion: Palestinian Camps in Lebanon: Towards Comprehensive Solutions

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 19/4/2017)

This panel was held with the participation of a selection of researchers and specialists in the Palestinian and Lebanese affairs. It discussed the conditions of the Palestinian refugees in the refugee camps, and their sufferings due to the difficult economic, social, security and living conditions. Moreover, the panel explored the various solutions for such problems. <http://bit.ly/2Dxbofl>



## 3. Panel Discussion: The Impact of the Gulf Crisis on the Palestinian Issue

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 27/7/2017)

This 2-session panel was held with the participation of a distinguished group of researchers and experts on Palestinian, Arab, and international affairs. In the first session, the participants presented their analyses of the crisis, while the second session focused on the possible future scenarios of the crisis and implications for the Palestinian issue. <https://bit.ly/2rzCJfi>



## 4. Conference: Balfour Declaration: Centenary of a Colonial Project.. What Future Awaits the Zionist Project?!

(Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut on 17/11/2017)

This conference was held by al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations and the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, in collaboration with the Arab International Center for Communication and Solidarity. It reviewed the international and Arab environment at the time of the Balfour Declaration, highlighting this declaration's impact on the legal rights of the Palestinian people. The panelists discussed the future of the Zionist project in light of Palestinian, regional and international developments, and the various ways to deal with its repercussions. <https://bit.ly/2jvz2Qq>



## 5. Panel Discussion: Impact Assessment of Economic Empowerment and Employment Programs on Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon

(Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut on 28/12/2017)

This panel discussion was attended by a distinguished group of experts on economic, humanitarian, and charitable projects and refugee issues, focused on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

It was divided into four sessions over the course of one day, tackling the political and economic climate and employment programs involving Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. The panelists assessed the experience of Palestinian, Arab, and international groups operating in this area, discussing the real needs of the refugee community, and how to achieve a bigger impact within available means. The panelists tried to come up with a forward-looking vision that would benefit from the impact assessment methodology in this regards, to develop effective employment programs targeting Palestinian refugees in Lebanon that can deliver results. <https://bit.ly/2DBTV8R>



## Eighth: Training

Al-Zaytouna Centre continued holding training courses and conducting consultations in 2017. Five training courses were held addressing the following titles:

### 1. Eagle Eye: The Formation of the World's Contemporary Political Map and Its Future Prospects

This training course was held four times this year, first in Istanbul on 5–7/1/2017, the second in Kuwait on 27–29/4/2017 in cooperation with Horizon Center for Consultancy and Studies, the third in Beirut at al-Zaytouna Centre on 17–19/8/2017, and the fourth in Istanbul on 14–16/12/2017 in cooperation with the Strategic Thinking Group. This course, which was facilitated by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, tackled several titles. In this course, the intertwined broader picture of the modern world is explained, in addition to the historical background that led to the formation of the contemporary political map including the spheres of influence of the Great Powers. The balance of power and various factors affecting the course of events are explained, in addition to the prospects of change, the forces likely to rise or decline, and the potential tasks of the Arab and Muslim worlds.



### 2. Introduction into the Palestinian Issue

Al-Zaytouna Centre held this training course in English, on 15–19/5/2017. It was introduced by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh and Rana Sa'adah. The course introduced the participants with the most prominent aspects and backgrounds of the Palestinian issue. The course included the following topics: The Land of Palestine, People of Palestine, The Palestinian Armed Struggle in the Course of History, The State of Israel, and The Current Situation in Palestine and its Political Map.

The course included a field visit to Burj Barajneh and Shatila refugee camps, in order to closely see the difficult living conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, and visits to a number of humanitarian Palestinian organizations.





### **Ninth: Scientific Cooperation and Public Relations**

The Centre was keen in 2017 to continue its academic relations with those who are interested and specialized in political and strategic studies. Besides those who are engaged in decision making in the region. This is in consistence with its policy of openness to actors and institutions involved in decision making, in addition to its openness cooperation and integration with the universities and centers working in the same domain. The Centre keeps in touch with them through conferences and seminars, visits and media.

The Centre's network of contacts includes politicians, academicians, researchers, think tanks and other figures working in the field of public policies related to the Middle East and the Palestinian issue. In this context, al-Zaytouna gave special attention to communicating with the Palestinian decision makers at home and abroad; the PLO, PA and different factions and political actors in the Palestinian arena. During 2017, more than 1,160 of those were contacted by al-Zaytouna, in addition to thousands of its subscribers

The Centre provided 31 consultations to MA and PhD researchers; in addition to evaluating 45 studies, which were sent to al-Zaytouna for publishing.

### **Tenth: Participation in Book Fairs**

The Centre is adamant about the participation in local and international book fairs. The Centre seeks to publicize its achievements in general and to present its publications and market them in particular, in addition to maintaining direct communication with its audience in various countries.

Until September 2017, al-Zaytouna participated in three book fairs:

1. The 4th CNR Book Fair in Istanbul (24/2/2017–5/3/2017).
2. The 33rd Tunis International Book Fair (25/3/2017–3/4/2017).
3. The 17th Amman International Book Fair (5–14/10/2017).



### Eleventh: Al-Zaytouna in the Media

The Centre is keen to reach out to its audience. Its Public Relations and Media Department communicates with the various satellite channels, news agencies, local and international sites and websites, to introduce its activities and publications and to provide media coverage for the events it holds. In this context, the Centre supplies these institutions with the latest news on published books and summaries about the panel discussions, conferences and any other events it might organize.

In addition, al-Zaytouna provides media outlets with the latest information reports and strategic assessments it publishes.

It is also keen to accept media invitations to introduce the work of the Centre and its activities, or to comment on the major events within its domain, and participate in the fora and discussions on the different events.

In 2017, the Media Department issued 60 press releases about the activities of the Centre. Many activities of the Centre were widely covered by the media. Our records show that about 130 media outlets covered one or more of our activities, including many important and popular satellite TV channels (e.g., Al Jazeera), newspapers, magazines, news agencies and websites. There is a list of 100 media outlets mentioned by name in our annual report (Al-Zaytouna Harvest 2016).

In addition, the Centre participated in many interviews with media institutions, including TV channels, radio stations, newspapers, news agencies and websites, among those are the following: Filastin al-Yawm TV, Al-Quds TV, Watan TV, Al-Yarmouk TV, Al-Aqsa TV, Radio Alam, Albachaer Radio, Fajr Radio, *Alresalah* newspaper, Shehab News Agency, and Felesteen Online.



## *Among the Centre's Major Achievements 2005–2017*

1. The Centre has issued more than 162 books, mostly focusing on the Palestinian issue. High academic and qualitative standards are being strictly observed.
2. The Centre publishes the periodic *Palestinian Strategic Report* in both English and Arabic languages, since 2005. Nine volumes were published covering the period 2005–2015, in a comprehensive meticulous manner. Soon the new *Palestinian Strategic Report 2016–2017* will be published.
3. The Centre publishes the annual *Palestinian Documents*, since 2005. Seven volumes were published covering the period 2005–2011. Each volume contains about 900 pages.
4. The Centre has published 28 books of *Information Report* series, which is a collection of concise academic studies (booklets) focusing on the Palestinian issue.
5. The Centre has published 13 books of *Am I Not A Human?* series, which highlights the different aspects of the suffering of the Palestinian people, in both Arabic and English.
6. The Centre is the publisher of the Arabic daily electronic newsletter “Palestine Today.” More than 4,500 issues were published since May 2005.
7. The Centre has one of the most active websites in the region, in both English and Arabic languages.
8. The Centre has organised 48 periodic international conferences, panel discussions and brainstorming sessions on the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict till the end of 2017. They have attracted wide interest of researchers, and received vast media coverage.
9. The Centre is active in Social Media, including Facebook (68 thousand followers), Twitter, WhatsApp and Telegram, in addition to a YouTube Channel.
10. The Centre organises training courses in Political, Strategic and Futuristic fields.
11. The Centre issues the Daily Palestinian Chronicle on monthly basis.
12. The Centre has issued more than 100 Strategic Assessments, besides many Political analyses, etc.