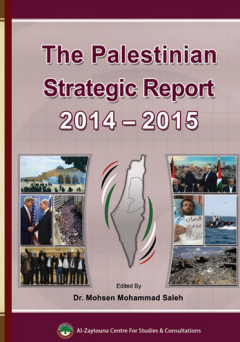




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## *Al-Zaytouna Centre*

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-Khalidi: 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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| 1. Data and archival material.             | 7. "Palestine Today" electronic daily newsletter. |
| 2. Researches and studies.                 | 8. Website.                                       |
| 3. Palestinian Strategic Report.           | 9. Specialized translations.                      |
| 4. Annual Palestinian Documents.           | 10. Conferences, seminars and lectures.           |
| 5. Strategic Assessment and policy papers. | 11. Participation in book fairs and conferences.  |
| 6. Information Report series.              | 12. Consultations and training.                   |

## Administrative Departments

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| 1. Information and Archives Department.   | 5. Website Department.                    |
| 2. Studies and Researches Department.     | 6. Public Relations and Media Department. |
| 3. Translation Department.                | 7. Administrative Affairs.                |
| 4. Consultations and Training Department. | 8. Finance Department.                    |



## Works and Achievements

### First: Publications

During 2016, al-Zaytouna Centre had published 17 books in both English and Arabic. 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 2016 al-Zaytouna Centre publications:

No.	Title
1	<i>The Palestinian Strategic Report 2014–2015 (Arabic)</i>
2	<i>The Palestinian Strategic Report 2014–2015 (English )</i>
3	<i>The Palestine Daily Chronicle of 2015 (Arabic)</i>
4	<i>The Palestinian Political System: Reform Complexities and Activation Mechanisms (Arabic)</i>
5	<i>Palestinian Media Discourse Towards the Palestinian Resistance (Arabic)</i>
6	<i>The Islamic Feminism and its Role in the Political Development in Palestine (Arabic)</i>
7	<i>The Conflict Over Sovereignty in Palestine in the Light of the Oslo Accords: Water Reserve in the West Bank as a Model (Arabic)</i>
8	<i>Palestinian Agents and Spies: Israel's Third Eye (Arabic)</i>
9	<i>Israeli Security System and the Arab Uprisings (Arabic)</i>
10	<i>Israel and Hamas: The Dialectic of Mutual Restraining, Communication and Negotiations 1987–2014 (Arabic)</i>
11	<i>The Suffering of the Palestinian Environment and Farmer under the Israeli Occupation (English )</i>
12	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (1) – Constitutional Changes and the Elections (Arabic)</i>
13	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (2) – Parties and Political Forces (Arabic)</i>
14	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (3) – Economic Performance (Arabic)</i>
15	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (4) – The Judicial and Security Performance (Arabic)</i>
16	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (5) – Media Performance (Arabic)</i>
17	<i>Egypt Between Two Eras Series (6) – The Foreign Policy (Arabic)</i>

## 1. *The Palestinian Strategic Report 2014–2015 (Arabic)*

The Palestinian Strategic Report (PSR) is one of al-Zaytouna's most important academic studies, published in both English and Arabic since 2005. PSR reviews biennially the various developments concerning the Palestinian issue in a comprehensive, objective and academic manner. It offers a wealth of data, up-to-date statistics, and analyzes and offers an outlook of future events.

This report that adheres to the principles of academic objectivity and accuracy of information, is the product of a massive team-work exerted by a group of affiliated researchers and specialists. Today, it can be surely asserted that PSR is a must reference for every researcher and academic who are interested in the contemporary developments of the Palestinian issue, including: university professors, students of history, sociology and political science, writers and journalists.

The PSR 2014–2015 tackles in seven chapters: The internal Palestinian scene, the Israeli-Palestinian scene, the Palestinian issue and the Arab world, the Palestinian issue and the Muslim world, the Palestinian issue and the international situation, Jerusalem and the holy sites, and the demographic, economic and educational Indicators.

**Editor:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

### Writers

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| – ‘Abdullah ‘Abd al-‘Aziz Najjar | – Hani al-Masri                        |
| – Hasan Ibhaïs                   | – Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Hassan Abu Jabir   |
| – Dr. Johnny Mansour             | – Prof. Dr. Moein Muhammad ‘Atta Ragab |
| – Mu’min Bsiso                   | – Dr. Sa‘id al-Haj                     |
| – Prof. Dr. Talal ‘Atrissi       | – Wael Ahmad Sa‘ad                     |
| – Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay    | – Ziad Bhies                           |

**Hardcover:** 392 pages



## 2. *The Palestinian Strategic Report 2014–2015 (English)*

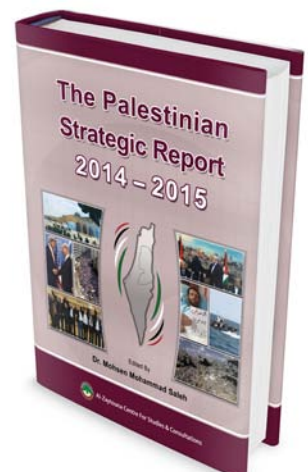
The English version of the Palestinian Strategic Report (PSR) is a qualitative study of the Palestinian Issue. In addition to its valuable information, PSR is edited in English according to strict academic standards, while dealing with the same chapters of the above Arabic version.

**Editor:** Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

**English Text Editor:** Rana Sa‘adah

**Proofreading:** Tom Charles

**Hardcover:** 435 pages





### 3. *The Palestine Daily Chronicle: Year 2015 (Arabic)*

The Palestine Daily Chronicle is considered one of the most important books published by al-Zaytouna Centre. This book addresses the most prominent events related to the Palestinian issue, documenting its daily important events, decisions and stances that express the nature of a phase or reflect the changes in political tracks.

The book puts forth information and statistics of significance, related to both the Palestinian and Israeli sides. The information include various aspects of Palestinian political, economic, cultural, social and educational performance, information about Jerusalem, and the performance of the resistance. The book also covers matters related to settlement building, Judaization programs, attacks on holy sites, and the peace process.

This is the second volume, where the first was published in 2015 covering the events of 2014.

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

**Prepared by:** Rabie el-Dannan and Wael Wehbe

**Hardcover:** 518 pages



### 4. *The Palestinian Political System: Reform Complexities and Activation Mechanisms (Arabic)*

This study aims at identifying the problems that have hindered and continue to hinder the reform of the Palestinian political system including its two major components: the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority (PA). It focuses on the significance of the agreement on a Palestinian political system, its components and the mechanisms of transforming it into a public policy.

The study concludes that parliamentary system must be adopted. It focuses on the importance of reaching a common Palestinian political program based on achieving liberation and ending the occupation. It stresses the importance of the participation of different forces and communities of the Palestinian people in defining the public policy in Palestine and abroad.

**Prepared by:** Dr. Raid Nairat and Sulaiman Bsharat

**Paperback:** 176 pages



### 5. *Palestinian Media Discourse Towards the Palestinian Resistance: Analytic and Field Comparative Study (Arabic)*

This study, which is thesis for Master's degree, aims to monitor and analyze the Palestinian media discourse regarding the Palestinian resistance. In addition, it tackles the different roles and attributes of the effective forces, and the proofs and frameworks adopted by those who use such a discourse. Moreover, this book compares and contrasts the discourse of *Felesteen* and *al-Hayat al-Jadida* newspapers. It also tries to find out the roles and positions of communicators in the two newspapers regarding the Palestinian resistance.

**Author:** Rami Mahmoud Khreis

**Paperback:** 136 pages



## 6. *The Islamic Feminism and its Role in the Political Development in Palestine (Arabic)*

This book studies the participation of Palestinian women in the national movement, and their role in development, as well as social and political activities. Exploring the Palestinian feminist movement, the author examines the Islamic feminist one in particular. This book, which is a thesis for Master's degree, is one of few covering the lack of studies on Palestinian Islamic feminist trend. It advocates women to achieve more accomplishments and successes, and to overcome all internal and external challenges through all possible means.



**Author:** Kholood Rashad Almasri

**Paperback:** 112 pages

## 7. *The Conflict Over Sovereignty in Palestine in the Light of the Oslo Accords: Water Reserve in the West Bank as a Model (Arabic)*

The study seeks to expand our understanding regarding the conflict over sovereignty in Palestine in light of the Oslo Accords, as well as over water reserves and Israel's water policy in the West Bank (WB). It makes us more aware of the ways to face this policy through these agreements.



A thesis for Master's degree, the book is divided into five chapters addressing the geographic characteristics of the WB and its water resources, Palestinian water in international laws and treaties, and the Israeli hegemony over these sources after 1967. The book wraps up with conclusions and recommendations focused on the principle of the Palestinian people's permanent sovereignty over their land, and includes also some documents.

**Author:** Farhan Musa Alqam

**Paperback:** 214 pages

## 8. *Palestinian Agents and Spies: Israel's Third Eye (Arabic)*

This book addresses the Israeli attempts to penetrate the Palestinian community in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by planting and recruiting spies and agents. It is a new attempt to understand one of the most dangerous phenomena threatening Palestinian fabric on the security, political and social levels. This study aims to spread awareness among the Palestinians in order to solve such a dangerous issue, while pointing out to the means of recruitment and the preparation process. Despite the gravity of this phenomenon, studies addressing it are still limited in number and scope; thus the importance of this study; a thesis for Master's Degree from An-Najah National University in Nablus.



**Author:** Ahmad Hamed al-Bitawy

**Paperback:** 192 pages

### 9. *Israeli Security System and the Arab Uprisings (Arabic)*

The book studies Israeli security interaction with the revolutions and change movements in the Arab region. It monitored the movements in neighboring capitals, and took security measures to stop the negative consequences on Israel. Moreover, the study reveals the security coordination initiated by the Israel with its allies in the region and around the world, to rein in the Arab revolutionary tide.

**Author:** ‘Adnan Abu ‘Amer

**Paperback:** 198 pages



### 10. *Israel and Hamas: The Dialectic of Mutual Restraining, Communication and Negotiations (Arabic)*

This study examines the dialectic relationship between Hamas and Israel. The conflict between them led to indirect contacts mostly related to prisoners swap deals, or direct contacts imposed by Israel, especially in Israeli prisons. The study analyzes these contacts and negotiations and explores the Israeli policy and strategy towards Hamas. It also reveals both parties' stances towards reciprocal negotiations.

**Author:** Ashraf Othman Bader

**Paperback:** 147 pages



### 11. *The Suffering of the Palestinian Environment and Farmer under the Israeli Occupation (English)*

The book endeavors to present a full and complete picture of the suffering of Palestinians under Israeli occupation. The book addresses the most important Palestinian and international laws and regulations related to the protection of the environment, the impact of: Israeli settlements, the Separation Wall, Israeli factories, nuclear pollution, the spread of quarries, the theft of Palestinian soil and the consequent distortion of nature and its pollution. This book is the 12th in the series “Am I Not A Human?” which is issued by al-Zaytouna Centre.

**Prepared by:** Fatima Itani and Nitham ‘Ataya

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

**Paperback:** 112 pages



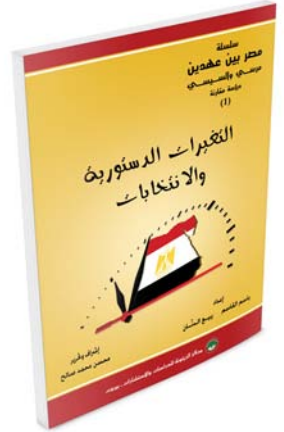
## 12. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (1) Constitutional Changes and the Elections (Arabic)*

The book explores the constitutional developments and electoral processes in Egypt from 25 January 2011 until the end of 2015. Moreover, it casts light on Egypt's political and constitutional crises after the military coup against President Morsi, and the ensuing transformations and developments.

**Prepared by:** Basem al-Kassem and Rabi' al-Dannan.

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

**Paperback:** 79 pages



## 13. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (2) Parties and Political Forces (Arabic)*

The book discusses the political dynamics during the terms of Presidents Morsi and al-Sisi. It explores domestic and foreign initiatives put forward after the coup, and compares the reciprocal relations between the presidents and the opposing forces. The impact of the deep state in reign, and the impact of foreign interventions on the events are also discussed.

**Prepared by:** Basem al-Kassem and Rabi' al-Dannan.

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

**Paperback:** 73 pages



## 14. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (3) Economic Performance (Arabic)*

This book discusses with the economic conditions during the terms of Presidents Morsi and al-Sisi, the challenges, achievements and failures. It then evaluates their performance based on surrounding circumstances.

**Prepared by:** Basem al-kassem.

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

**Paperback:** 67 pages





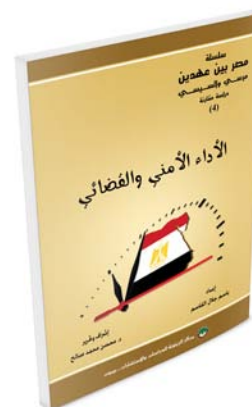
### 15. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (4) The Judicial and Security Performance (Arabic)*

This book explores the security and judicial events during the terms of Presidents Morsi and al-Sisi. It discusses their policies towards demonstrations, taking into consideration the killings and arrests, and displays the relation between the judiciary and political authority during the two terms.

**Prepared by:** Basem al-Kassem.

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

**Paperback:** 74 pages



### 16. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (5) Media Performance (Arabic)*

The book is about the evolution of media performance in Egypt since January 25 Revolution and until the end of 2015, where the departure of Mubarak formed a turning point in the course of the Egyptian media. At that time, the media in Egypt found itself free of most of the security and administrative constraints, but this landscape turned chaotic. Political polarization dominated the Egyptian media after January 25 Revolution. Whereas after Morsi, the media went into a dangerous turn, where professional values declined, and press freedoms plummeted to a worse level.

**Prepared by:** Rabi' al-Dannan.

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

**Paperback:** 40 pages



### 17. *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study, (6) The Foreign Policy (Arabic)*

The book highlights the Egyptian foreign policy after the January 25 Revolution, especially the stance development towards the Palestinian Issue and the Egyptian-Israeli relationship. It also discusses the Egyptian foreign policy towards key Arab, Muslim and foreign countries.

**Prepared by:** Rabi' al-Dannan.

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

**Paperback:** 90 pages



**Note:** The Centre has collected the previous six books in one volume entitled: *Egypt Between Two Eras: Morsi and al-Sisi: A Comparative Study*.

## 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 94 strategic assessments by the end of 2016, including 10 of which were published in that year and addressed the following topics:

1. Future Relations Between Hamas and the European Union (January 2016).
2. The Future of the Jerusalem *Intifadah* and its Impact on the Israelis (February 2016).
3. The Gaza Strip Siege: Crisis Resolution Mechanisms and the Odds of Success (February 2016).
4. Future of Turkish-Israeli Relations (February 2016).
5. The Prospects of Success of the French Peace Initiative (July 2016).
6. The Palestinian Issue in the Platforms of US Presidential Candidates (July 2016).
7. Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions: Achievements and Possible Scenarios (August 2016).
8. Palestinian Local Elections: Context and Scenarios of After Postponement (October 2016).
9. Prospects of US Policy on Palestine During Trump's Term: 2017–2021 (November 2016).
10. Prospects for the Russian Role in the Middle East (December 2016).





### Third: The Translation

The Translation Department at al-Zaytouna Centre provides the Centre's English website with all materials. During 2016, the Centre issued translations of 3 studies, 10 articles and 10 strategic assessments. The translation of *Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas): Studies of Thought and Experience* book was completed, while now the department is working on the translation of *The Palestinian National Authority: Studies of the Experience and Performance 1994–2013*.

In 2016, the department published the 80th translation of *Tarjamat al-Zaytouna* series (Al-Zaytouna Translations). It is a study entitled “Advancing the Dialogue: A Security System for the Two State Solution,” issued by the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). The study provides a comprehensive security proposal that can be applied in case the two-state solution is reached. The study also addresses the internal security, border and regional challenges.



## Fourth: 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.

This electronic newsletter is freely available on the center's website. By the end of 2016, the Centre had published 4,155 issues, out of which 356 were published the same year.



## Fifth: The Website (alzaytouna.net)

Al-Zaytouna Centre website in both Arabic and English version has been updated during 2016. The Instant Search feature has been updated, to quickly locate any word or information, in addition to the Auto-Suggest feature. Moreover, the speed of browsing has been increased, and the level of protection and safety has been raised.

The site updates its visitors with the latest news of the Centre, its activities and publications. During 2016, we uploaded 100 of our publications on our website, in addition to 356 issues of "Palestine Today" electronic newsletter. Visitors can access a wide range of materials and services including the Strategic Assessment and al-Zaytouna translation series, in addition to a large collection of articles, studies, reports, documents, maps and selected books. Hence, our website is one of the richest in materials among Arab Think Tanks websites.

To encourage the spread of information, the site offers visitors free downloads of a number of the Centre's publications. The download includes The Palestinian Strategic Report, the Information Report series and another variety of valuable books. Tens of thousands of downloads were done, making it the top website among similar Palestinian ones, in terms of the number of visitors and downloads.

Alzaytouna.net was originally launched in October 2005. It succeeded within two years from its inception in achieving a distinct rank among other sites of study centers concerned with the Palestinian issue, at home and abroad. The Centre's pages in social media sites witnessed a major leap where the number of fans on Facebook raised from 41 thousand at the end of 2015 to more than 65 thousand by the end of 2016.





## Sixth: 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 2016, the Centre had held 43 conferences and panel discussions, out of which four were held in 2016, and they are:

### 1. Conference: The Issue of Palestine: Strategic Evaluation 2015 – Strategic Assessment 2016

(Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut on 11/2/2016)

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 2015, and tried to chart the likely trends that would shape the 2016 Palestinian scene.



The conference comprised three sessions during which the 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 sixth 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.

### 2. Panel Discussion: One Hundred Years After Sykes-Picot, New Maps are Being Drawn

(Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut on 26/5/2016)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held a panel discussion titled "One Hundred Years After Sykes-Picot, New Maps are Being Drawn," on the 100th anniversary of the Sykes-Picot agreement.

The event featured three sessions during which 16 papers and interventions were presented. It was attended by several renowned Arab and Palestinian affairs experts. The first session's theme focused on Sykes-Picot: Analysis of Background, Implementation, and Repercussions. The second focused on: The New Maps Being Drawn, an Analysis of the Regional Dimension. And the third session was titled: New Maps Being Drawn, an Analysis of the International Dimension.



### 3. Panel Discussion: The Future of the Palestinian Reconciliation

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 28/4/2016)

This 3-session panel was held with the participation of a select of researchers and specialists in the Palestinian issue, in addition to some Palestinian political figures. The first session discussed the internal Palestinian situation, and the reconciliation efforts. The second dealt with the probable trends of the Palestinian reconciliation, whereas the last one reviewed the best options for the completion of reconciliation. Hence, it would facilitate putting the Palestinian house in order.

### 4. Panel Discussion: The Palestinian Islamic Movement and Problematic Arab Reality

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 5/12/2016)

This panel was held with the participation of a selection of researchers and specialists in the Palestinian and Islamic affairs. It discussed the Arab environment and changes surrounding Palestine and their impact on the Palestinian Islamic movement and the Palestinian Issue. Moreover, the panel explored the future scenarios of the Palestinian Islamic movement in the Arab environment.



## Seventh: Training

Al-Zaytouna Centre continued holding training courses and conducting consultations in 2016. Four 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 twice, first in Beirut on 23–25/1/2016, and the second in Kuwait in cooperation with Horizon Center for Consultancy and Studies on 14–16/4/2016. 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. Political Analysis

This training course was conducted in Beirut, on 21–22/2/2016. It was facilitated by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, who represented the trainees with the basics of political analysis, and mechanisms for writing the analysis. The course also highlighted the elements affecting political events and their impact on writing the analysis, and at the end there was a workshop in which the participants actually wrote a political analysis.



### 3. Introduction into the Palestinian Issue

Al-Zaytouna Centre held this training course in English, on 29/3–3/4/2016. It was introduced by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, Rana Sa'adah and Yasir Kaddoura. 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 refugee camp, in order to closely see the difficult living conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, and visits to a number of humanitarian Palestinian organizations.



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

The Centre was keen in 2016 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 2016, more than 1,160 of those were contacted by al-Zaytouna, in addition to thousands of its subscribers.

### **Participation in Conferences and Panel Discussions**

In 2016, al-Zaytouna Centre participated in several worldwide conferences and panel discussions. The most prominent of these participations were in:

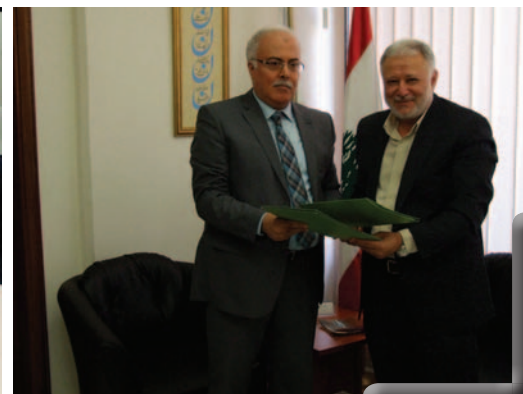
1. Seminar: Aqsa 3: Intifada al-Quds, held by the Palestine Centre of Excellence, Kuala Lumpur, 22/5/2016. (Paper: The Impacts of the Intifadah and Israel's Strategy to Face its Threats)
2. Conference: The Arab and Iran Facing the Regional Challenges: Opportunities and the Prospects of Partnership, held by The Consultative Center for Studies and Documentation, Beirut, 13/5–2/6/2016.
3. Panel Discussion: International and Regional Transformations: The Reasons of Instability and the Mechanisms to Deal With It, held by the Egyptian Institute for Political and Strategic Studies, Istanbul, 3/8/2016.
4. Conference: Objective Changes in the Palestinian Issue After Oslo: The Most Important Lessons From the Oslo Accords, held by the Faculty of Arts at the Islamic University, Gaza, 5/10/2016. (Opening Statement: Lessons From Oslo: The Accords and the Process 1993–2016)
5. Panel Discussion: The Internal Islamic Renewal: New Formations, held by the French Institute for the Near East (IFPO) with the support of the program of When Authoritarianism Fails In The Arab World (WAFAW) and in cooperation with the Department of Sociology and Media Studies at American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, 13/10/2016.
6. Conference: The Fourth Palestinian National Security Conference, held by Management and Politics Academy, Gaza, 2/11/2016. (Intervention: Indicators in Reading the Future of the Palestinian Issue)
7. Forum: Euro-Med Think Tank Forum, held by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), in collaboration with the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania, Rome, Italy, 30/11/2016–1/12/2016. Al-Zaytouna Centre representing Palestine was invited along with forty other Think Tanks-selected out of 2,270 Think Tanks-representing Europe and the MENA region (one per country).

8. Conference: Beyond Turmoil: A Positive Agenda, held by Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI, Rome, 1–3/12/2016. It was one of the Mediterranean Dialogues (MED) high-level conference, and it included more than 400 participants from 55 countries.
9. Ministerial Meeting: 2030 Agenda—Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the National Level, held by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Doha, 13–15/12/2016. Al-Zaytouna Centre was selected among a set of Think Tanks in the Arab region to participate in this 29th Ministerial Meeting of ESCWA, upon an invitation of the latter.



### Memorandums of Understanding

It is of al-Zaytouna Centre's policies to expand its scope of cooperation with academic institutions and Think Tanks. Consequently, three Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed during 2016. The first was with the Malaysian organization MyCARE, on 22/5/2016. Whereas the second was with the Political Science Institute at Jinan University, on 26/7/2016. The third was with the Egyptian Institute for Political and Strategic Studies—Istanbul, on 4/8/2016. All three MoUs are to facilitate academic research cooperation—especially research on the Palestinian issue—exchange of expertise and academic training, as well as to support Palestinian studies. They also include organizing joint events, such as seminars and conferences.



### Consultations and Academic Support

During 2016, the Centre continued providing consultations and academic support. It provided 21 consultations for masters and doctoral researches, in addition to refereeing and evaluating 64 studies that were sent to al-Zaytouna for publishing.

## Ninth: 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.

During 2016, al-Zaytouna participated in four book fairs

1. The 47th Cairo International Book Fair (27/1–10/2/2016).
2. The Arabic Book Fair in Istanbul (25/7–31/7/2016).
3. 16th Amman International Book Fair (28/9–8/10/2016)
4. The 60th Beirut International Arab Book Fair (1/12–14/12/2016).



## Tenth: 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.

During 2016, the Public Relations and Media Department issued 60 press articles about the activities of the Centre and its works, and documented these articles' publication in 132 different sources including newspapers, magazines, news agencies and websites. It also documented the publication of tens of press articles about the Centre and its work in the media, other than the material published by the department itself.

In 2016, the department documented the participation of six of the Centre's researchers and representatives in tens of interviews with media institutions, including TV channels, radio stations, newspapers, news agencies and websites. Most of these events have focused on the issue of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Moreover, the Centre published on its site 26 Episodes of the Arabic program Political Highlights (*Ida'at Siyasiyyah*) on al-Quds TV. The program seeks to develop political and



cultural awareness, and discusses various Palestinian strategies and fundamentals. This weekly talk show hosted by Muhammad Isma'il features as his guest Dr. Mohsen Saleh, general manager of al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations.

The following are the most prominent 100 media outlets that cover the Centre's activities:

### Local and Satellite TV Channels and Radio Stations

Al-Aqsa TV (Palestine)	Al-Fajr (Lebanon)	Filastin al-Yawm
Hona Alquds TV	Al-Jazeera Mubasher	Al-Jazeera TV
Al-Manar	Al-Mayadeen TV	Al-Quds TV
	Al-Thabat TV	

### Local and International Arabic Newspapers and Magazines

Addustour newspaper (Jordan)	Al-Akhbar newspaper (Lebanon)	Alanbaa newspaper (Lebanon)
Alestqlal newspaper (Palestine)	Alghad newspaper (Jordan)	Almujtamaa magazine (Kuwait)
Alnaba newspaper (Bahrain)	Alquds al-Arabi newspaper (UK)	Alresalah newspaper (Palestine)
Al-Aman newspaper (Lebanon)	Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper (UK)	Assabeel newspaper (Jordan)
Assafir newspaper (Lebanon)	Felesteen newspaper (Palestine)	Al-Hayat al-Jadida newspaper (Palestine)
Al-Mustaqbal newspaper (Lebanon)	Al-Quds newspaper (Palestine)	Al-Sharq newspaper (Qatar)
Al-Watan newspaper (Qatar)		Al-Yawm al-Sabe' newspaper (Egypt)

### Agencies

Alray Palestinian Media Agency	Alquds News Agency	Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA)
Magal Press	Mi'raj Islamic News Agency	Naba News Agency
National News Agency (Lebanon)	Palestinian Press Agency (SAFA)	Quds Net News Agency
Quds Press nternational News Agency	Sama News Agency	Sawa News Agency



### News Websites

Akhbarak.net	Alamat Online	Alaqa Voice radio website
Albashir	Albosala	Aljazeera.net
Alkhaleej Online	Almasar Online	Almejhar News
Alresalah.ps	Alwasat	Amad Media
Al-Aqsa TV website	Arab48	Arabi21 News Websites
Al Awda News Network	Basaer Online	Al Bawaba
Democratic Arabic Center	Donia Al-Watan	Euro-Palestinian Communication Forum
Felesteen Online	Felesteen.net	Filastin al-Yawm TV website
International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza	Islam Memo	Islam Online
Islamweb.net	Khatwa Network	Klmtly
Lebanon 24	Lebanon & Syria News	Madar Daily
Minbar Alaqa website	Mubasher Misr	Nawafedh
Noon News Agency	Al-Omah	Palestinian Arab Front
The Palestinian Information Center	Palestinian Popular Struggle Front website	Pelest
Pls48	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine website	Al-Quds City
Raialyoum	Rassd News Network	Rasd24
Shahid Palestine Organization	Shujun Arabiyaa	Sky News Arabia
Strategic Thinking Group	Al-Thabat TV website	Turk Press
Turkey Post	Umayya Center for Research and Strategic Studies	Whahjnews.net
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