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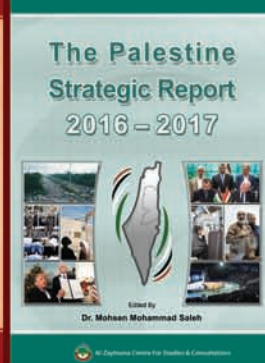


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Al-Zaytouna Centre

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.

* Passed away.

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 2018, al-Zaytouna Centre had published 9 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 2018 al-Zaytouna Centre publications:

No.	Title
1	<i>The Palestine Strategic Report 2016–2017 (Arabic)</i>
2	<i>The Palestine Strategic Report 2016–2017 (English)</i>
3	<i>The Palestine Daily Chronicle: Year 2017 (Arabic)</i>
4	<i>The Shuyukh Camps: The Resistance of the Muslim Brothers Against the Zionist Project 1968–1970 (Arabic)</i>
5	<i>Religious Fundamentalism in the Israeli Army: Factors and Impacts on the “Democracy in Israel” 1995–2014 (Arabic)</i>
6	<i>Dialogues with Sheikh Raed Salah About the History of the Islamic Movement in Occupied Palestine 1948 (Arabic)</i>
7	<i>Hamas’ Foreign Policy: Syria as a Case Study 2000–2015 (Arabic)</i>
8	<i>The UNRWA Crisis 2016–2018 (Arabic)</i>
9	<i>The Suffering of Palestinians From Israeli Roadblocks in the West Bank (English)</i>

1. *The Palestine Strategic Report 2016–2017 (Arabic)*

The Palestine 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 Palestine 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 Palestine issue, including: university professors, students of history, sociology and political science, writers and journalists.

The PSR 2016–2017 tackles in eight chapters: the internal Palestinian scene, the Palestinian demographic and economic indicators, the Land and the holy sites, and the aggression, resistance and the peace process. In addition, it focuses on the Israeli scene including the most prominent Israeli political, demographic, economic and military developments, and the Israeli-Palestinian relations. It studies the Arab, Islamic, and International stances towards the Palestine issue, in addition to the 2018–2019 forecasts for the Palestine issue.

Editor: Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

Writers:

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| – ‘Abdullah ‘Abd al-‘Aziz Najjar | – Basem Jalal Elkassem |
| – Hani Mohammad ‘Adnan al-Masri | – Hasan Mohammad Ibhai |
| – Iqbal Walid ‘Omeish | – Dr. Johnny Mansour |
| – Prof. Dr. Moein Muhammad ‘Atta Ragab | – Mu’min Mohammad Ghazi Bsiso |
| – Rabi‘ Mohammad al-Dannan | – Dr. Sa‘id Walid al-Haj |
| – Prof. Dr. Talal ‘Atrissi | – Wael Ahmad Sa‘ad |
| – Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay | – Ziad Mohammad Bhies |

Hardcover: 490 pages



2. *The Palestine Strategic Report 2016–2017 (English)*

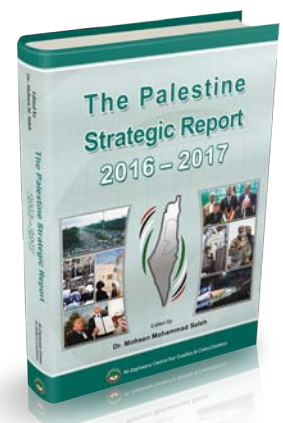
The English version of the Palestine Strategic Report (PSR) is a qualitative study of the Palestine Issue. In addition to its valuable information, PSR is edited in English according to strict academic standards, while dealing with the same chapters of the above Arabic version.

Editor: Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

English Text Editor: Rana Sa‘adah

Language Revision: Tom Charles

Hardcover: 521 pages



3. *The Palestine Daily Chronicle: Year 2017 (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 Palestine 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 fourth volume, where the first was published in 2015 covering the events of 2014.

Prepared and Edited by: Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, Rabi' Mohammad al-Danan and Wa'el 'Abdullah Wehbe

Hardcover: 582 pages



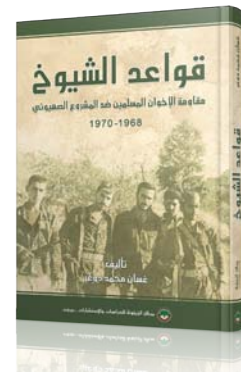
4. *The Shuyukh Camps: The Resistance of the Muslim Brothers Against the Zionist Project 1968–1970 (Arabic)*

This book documents and analyzes one of the milestones in the Muslim Brothers (MB) movement's history, in general, and in the struggle for the liberation of Palestine, in particular. It reveals a lot of the mystery surrounding the role of the Islamic movement during an important stage in the Palestinian resistance, during the 1968–1970 period. The book also explores how the MB established their independent camps in the Jordan Rift valley, from which they would launch their own resistance activity.

This book, edited by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, is distinguished by its objectivity in writing and relying on reliable sources, whereas the lack of written information was compensated with a wide and important range of oral history testimonies. At the end of the book, readers would find very important appendices of documents and photographs.

Author: Ghassan Mohammad Dou'ar

Hardcover: 302 pages



5. *Religious Fundamentalism in the Israeli Army: Factors and Impacts on the "Democracy in Israel" 1995–2014 (Arabic)*

This book, which was originally a thesis that earned its author a master's degree, examines the impact of the expanding religious fundamentalism in the army on Israeli decision-making and on "Israel's democracy," and the change in the army's ideology and combat doctrine, as well as its impact on the Arab–Israeli conflict. The book explains how the religious Jews have penetrated and are spreading throughout the Israeli army and reaching senior positions.

Moreover, the author discusses the outcome of increased military involvement in the decision-making process. He concludes that as the religious tide grows and gains more control of the army, it will have greater impact on the future of wars with the Palestinians and the future of the Arab–Israeli conflict.

Author: Qutaiba Waleed Ghanim

Paperback: 160 pages



6. *Dialogues with Sheikh Raed Salah About the History of the Islamic Movement in Occupied Palestine 1948 (Arabic)*

This book is an introduction to the history of the Islamic movement in the 1948 Palestinian occupied territories. It is based on Sheikh Raed Salah memoirs, whose questions were put by the author. Salah, the leader of the Islamic movement of the 1948 territories, explained the beginnings of the Islamic awakening among the 1948 Palestinians, how the Islamic movement was established, and how it became, with its organized work and varied activities, a real and effective force against the Judaization of the holy sites, and defending *al-Aqsa* Mosque. The book documents the successes achieved by the Islamic movement in building institutions despite the large number of arrests, closures and difficulties. It also includes the testimonies of Sheikh Kamal Khatib and Sheikh Hashim ‘Abdul Rahman, commenting on Sheikh Raed’s testimony.



Prepared by: Wa’el Khaled Abu Helal

Paperback: 155 pages

7. *Hamas’ Foreign Policy: Syria as a Case Study 2000–2015 (Arabic)*

This book, which is originally the author’s doctoral dissertation, discusses the foreign relations’ foundations and principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), especially with Syria and during the 2000–2015 period. It examines the development of this relationship, where following the 2011 events, there was a rupture between the regime and the movement, which had an impact on the Syrian-Palestinian relations in general and on Palestinian refugees in Syria in particular.



Author: Abdalhakim Aziz Hanaini

Paperback: 264 pages

8. *The UNRWA Crisis 2016–2018 (Arabic)*

This book is the 24th in the Information Files series through which Al-Zaytouna Centre seeks to provide a comprehensive and extensive information about the important events, especially on the Palestine issue.

The file highlights the latest developments in UNRWA’s financial crisis. It displays the most important news, reports and articles covering the Agency’s events and challenges and their impact on Palestinian refugees. This information file also includes various Palestinian, Arab and international positions that accompanied these developments, covering the period 1/1/2016–16/4/2018.



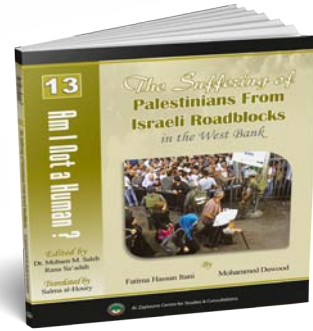
Prepared by: Basem Jalal Elkassem, Baraa Salim Zaidan, Rabi‘ Mohammad al-Dannan, Samer Mustafa Hussein, Saleh Mahmoud ‘Othman, and Wael ‘Abdallah Wehbe

Supervised by: Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh

Paperback: 324 pages

9. *The Suffering of Palestinians From Israeli Roadblocks in the West Bank* (English)

This book addresses the suffering of Palestinians at Israeli checkpoints in the West Bank (WB) and the most serious violations committed by the occupation against the Palestinians at these roadblocks, which are spread out in their various forms all over the WB. This book is the thirteenth in the series “Am I not a Human?” through which al-Zaytouna Centre seeks to provide a comprehensive picture of the suffering of the Palestinian people caused by the Israeli occupation.



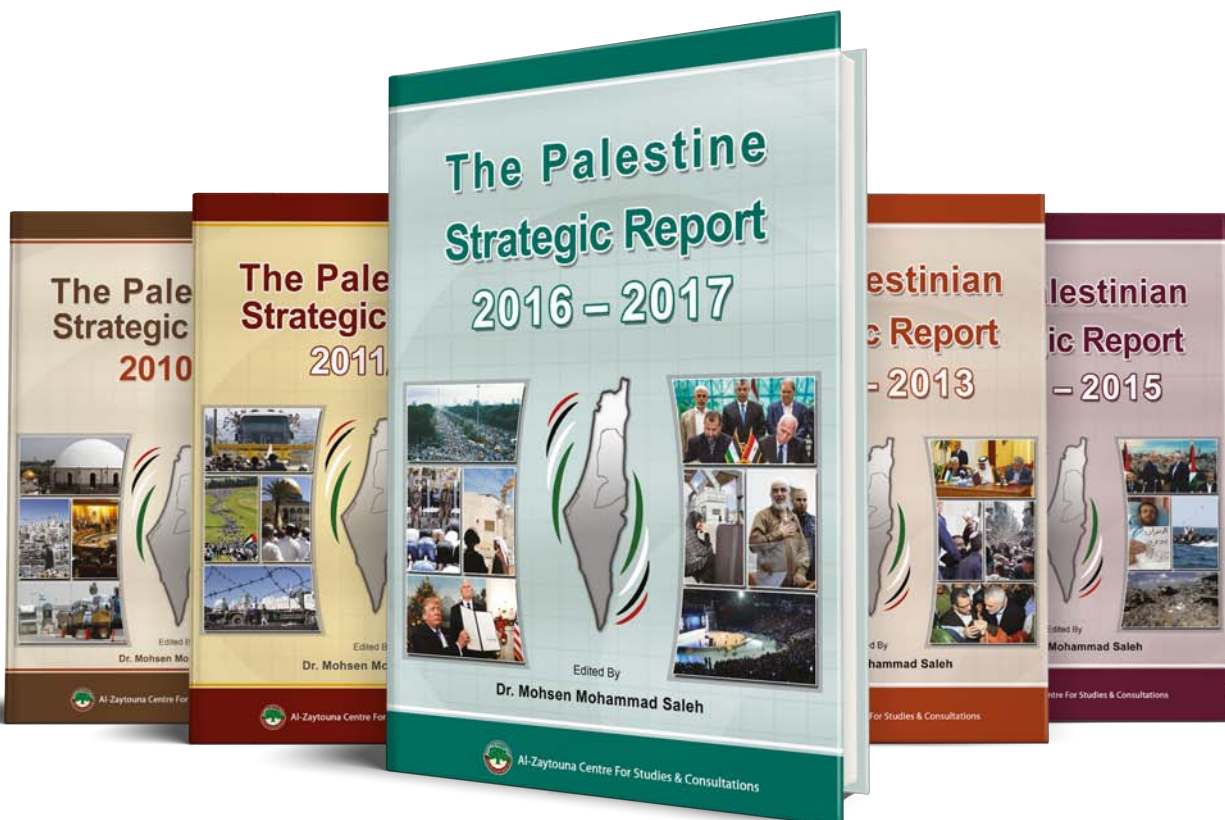
Prepared by: Fatima Hassan ‘Itani and Mohammad Dawood

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

Translated by: Salma al-Houry

Reviewed by: Tom Charles

Paperback: 108 pages



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 Palestine 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 109 strategic assessments by the end of 2018, including 6 of which were published in that year and addressed the following topics:

1. The Plan to Liquidate UNRWA: What's Next? (May 2018).
2. The Future of Return Marches and Popular Resistance Commemorating 70 Years of Nakbah (May 2018).
3. The Palestine Liberation Organization: What's Next?! (July 2018).
4. De-escalation Between Gaza Strip and Israel: Prospects and Odds of Success (September 2018).
5. The Deal of the Century: Developments and Scenarios (September 2018).
6. The Future of Palestinian Presence in Lebanon (November 2018).



The Translation Department at al-Zaytouna Centre translates most of the Centre's publications, including books, studies, and articles, in addition to covering the Centre's activities, posting most of them on the Centre's English website. It keeps its English speaking audience, including experts and activists, informed of the latest developments concerning the Palestine issue.

During 2018, the Translation Department published the translations of 17 articles and 6 strategic assessments. It also published the English version of *The Palestine Strategic Report 2016–2017* and two studies: *Foreign Policy of the Palestinian Authority 1993–2013*, by Prof. Dr. Walid ‘Abd al-Hay, and *The Ongoing UNRWA Crisis: Context, Dimensions, Prospects And Responses* by Jaber Suleiman.

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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 Palestine 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 2018, the Centre had published 4,826 issues, out of which 316 were published the same year.



Fifth: The Website (alzaytouna.net)

In 2018, al-Zaytouna Centre website has undergone a number of updates, where the homepage tabular content was developed in addition to some internal pages. The website infrastructure has improved; increasing the browsing speed and enhancing protection and security levels. In 2018, the Centre offered its site visitors the option to purchase its publications directly from the website.

The site updates its visitors with the latest news of the Centre, its activities and publications. During 2018, we uploaded 103 of our publications on our website, in addition to 316 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 Palestine Strategic Report, the Information Report series and other 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.

During 2018, the Centre’s social networking sites witnessed active interaction with its wide audience, whether via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube or SoundCloud platforms.



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 Palestine 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 Palestine 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 2018, the Centre had held 51 conferences and panel discussions, out of which three were held in 2018, and they are:

1. Panel Discussion: The Role of Regional Think Tanks in the Decision Making Process: The Palestine Issue as an Example

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 30/1/2018)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations held this panel discussion, in collaboration with the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. It was a "Why Think Tanks Matter" Event, part of the launch of the 2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index report, joining other events hosted and organized by 160 organizations worldwide in over 100 cities. A number of heads of think tanks concerned with the Palestine issue attended, besides there were two interventions from the West Bank and Turkey.



Participants also discussed the role of universities and youth in research and strategic thinking, the role of Western think tanks, and what is associated with the indexing of centres: its positive and negative aspects, as well as ways to improve the work of think tanks in the region, especially with regard to Palestine.

2. Panel Discussion: Plans to Liquidate UNRWA: Context, Dimensions, Prospects and Ways of Confrontation

(Al-Zaytouna Centre in Beirut on 26/4/2018)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations and the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Forum of the Common Space Initiative held this panel discussion with the participation of experts and specialists in Palestinian and Lebanese affairs. Participants agreed that targeting UNRWA aims at weakening the Palestinian people and the return process, whereas the right of return can't be weakened since it is an inherent right. At the end, experts stressed the need to find ways to counteract each scenario discussed and the importance of setting priorities and approaching the problems that can be solved in the near future.



3. Joint Research Seminar: A Strategic Revision of the Nakba on its 70th Anniversary

(Ramada Plaza, Beirut on 10/5/2018)

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations, Al Jazeera Center for Studies and Al Jazeera Mubasher organized this research seminar on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, with the participation of a select of academics, intellectuals and activists. The seminar discussed four main topics; The successes and failures of the Palestine issue, the Arab and Muslim support or obstruction, the most important features of the “deal of the century” and its impact on the Palestine issue, and the prospects of different scenarios.



During the seminar, viewers saw a report on the statements of Palestinian and Arab leaders concerning the Palestine issue and Israel, establishing a Palestinian state, the peace process, deal of the century, and national fundamentals. Another report was about views of the Arab public on the “deal of the century,” and then the panelists answered some questions from the audience.

Seventh: Training

Al-Zaytouna Centre continued holding training courses and conducting consultations in 2018. Four training courses were held addressing the following titles:

1. Eagle Eye: The Political Formation of Contemporary World and Its Future Trends

Al-Zaytouna Centre in collaboration with Rwaq Istanbul Foundation held a political analysis training course, on 5–8/9/2018, in Istanbul, Turkey, with the participation of 34 trainees. Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh facilitated this course, explaining the intertwined broader picture of the modern world, 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

Al-Zaytouna Centre in collaboration with Rwaq Istanbul Foundation held a political analysis training course, on 18–20/10/2018, in Istanbul, Turkey, with the participation of 34 trainees. This course, which was facilitated by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, 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 of the course there was a workshop in which the participants actually wrote a political analysis.



3. Situation Assessment Training Course

Al-Zaytouna Centre in collaboration with Rwaq Istanbul Foundation held a situation assessment training course, on 24–25/11/2018, in Istanbul, Turkey. The 12-hour course was facilitated by Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh, and attended by 25 trainees. The course worked on developing the political potentials of the participants. They also learned about forming a political vision and how to build perceptions, and discussed the steps for putting the possible scenarios and the standards for choosing them. At the end of the course, Saleh explained how to draft a situation assessment.



4. A Course on the History of the Palestinian Resistance 1918–2018

Al-Zaytouna Centre in collaboration with al-Quds Cultural Forum in Jordan held this course in Amman on 15/12/2018, within the advanced course of the Jerusalem sciences, and attended by 70 trainees.

Dr. Mohsen Mohammad Saleh covered the history of the Palestinian resistance since the British occupation of Palestine reaching the last three wars waged by Israel on Gaza Strip. Saleh went through the most important milestones over the past hundred years, including the 1936–1939 Arab revolt in Palestine, the Arab-Israeli wars, the 1987–1993 Palestinian *Intifadah*, *Al-Aqsa Intifadah* (2000–2005), the three wars on Gaza Strip, the Jerusalem *Intifadah* and Lion's Gate uprising 2017.

Eighth: Scientific Cooperation and Public Relations

The Centre was keen in 2018 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 Palestine 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 2018, more than 1,000 of those were contacted by al-Zaytouna, in addition to thousands of its subscribers.

Participation in Conferences and Panel Discussions

In 2018, al-Zaytouna Centre participated in several worldwide conferences and panel discussions. The most prominent of these participations were in:

1. Conference: "Jerusalem: The Nation's Identity," held by MyAQSA Foundation and the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), with the participation of the Council of Palestinian Scholars Abroad and International Union of Muslim Scholars, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 26–28/1/2018. (Paper: Normalization with Israel)

2. Forum: 12th Al Jazeera Forum: “The Gulf, the Arabs and the World Amid Current Developments,” held by Al Jazeera, Doha, 28–29/4/2018. (Presentation in the session discussing the Palestine issue in the context of the US recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel as well as the “Deal of the Century”)
3. Symposium: Held by the Middle East Studies Center, Amman, 5/5/2018. (Two interventions: Arab Spring in the Context of Regional Historical Changes in the Past 100 Years; and The Palestine Issue in the Thought of Political Islam Movement: Theory and Application)
4. Lecture: “Deal of the Century,” at Irshad and Islah organization, Beirut, 8/8/2018.
5. Lecture: “Deal of the Century,” at al-Quds Cultural Forum, Amman, 19/8/2018.
6. Seminar: “Our Pledge For Jerusalem,” held by the Association of Muslim Scholars in Lebanon and the Quds Waqf for Wealth and Development Association, Beirut, 11/9/2018. (Lecture: Jerusalem and the Current Challenges)
7. Panel Discussion: “The Jewish Nation-State Law: Concept and Impact,” held by the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, Beirut, 13/9/2018. (Paper: The Human and Social Impact of the Jewish Nation-State Law).
8. 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, 22/11/2018. Al-Zaytouna Centre representing Palestine was invited along with 45 other Think Tanks-selected out of 2,250 Think Tanks-representing Europe and the MENA region (one per country).
9. Conference: “Beyond Turmoil: A Positive Agenda,” held by Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI, Rome, 22–24/11/2018. It was one of the Mediterranean Dialogues (MED) high-level conference, and it included more than 800 participants from 56 countries.
10. Lecture: “The General Outline of Political Analysis,” at al-Quds Cultural Forum, Amman, 16/12/2018. It was within the advanced course of the Jerusalem sciences, and attended by 70 trainees.

Consultations and Academic Support

During 2018, the Centre continued providing consultations and academic support. It provided 29 consultations for MA and PhD researchers, in addition to evaluating 40 studies, which 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 2018, al-Zaytouna participated in three book fairs

1. The 34th Tunis International Book Fair (6–15/4/2018).
2. The 31st Tehran International Book Fair (2–22/5/2018).
3. The 18th Amman International Book Fair (26/9–6/10/2018).



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 2018, the Public Relations and Media Department issued 68 press articles about the activities of the Centre and its works, and documented these articles' publication in 111 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 2018, the department documented the participation of two 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.

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-Hiwar Channel	Mekameleen TV
Al-Bachaer Radio (Lebanon)	Al-Jazeera Mubasher	Palestine Today TV
Al-Fajr Radio (Lebanon)	Al-Manar TV	Al-Quds TV
Radio Alam (Palestine)		

Local and International Arabic Newspapers and Magazines

Al-Akhbar newspaper (Lebanon)	Alresalah newspaper (Palestine)	Al-Yawm al-Sabe' newspaper (Egypt)
Alghad newspaper (Jordan)	Assabeel newspaper (Jordan)	Al-Raya newspaper (Qatar)
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