

Until Return

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UNGA 194 (11 December, 1948) – 59 Years Later

"Our problem is very simple. A foreigner came and took our land, took our farms and our homes, and kicked us out. We have in mind to return. It may take a hundred years but we will return" Palestinian farmer from Jericho. Quoted by Dr. Ismail Zayid, "Palestine: Fifty years of ethnic cleansing and dispossession" in Dossier on Palestine, 2002

December 10, 2007 marks the 59th anniversary of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A day later on December 11, 1948, The United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 194 to call world attention to the fact that the Declaration had already been breached by the imposition of the Zionist state in May of that year, and the expulsion of more than three quarters of a million of the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine, and the theft of the homes and lands they occupied.

This heinous act was followed by the assassination, of UN mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte by a Zionist terrorist squad. He had been sent by the UN to work for the refugee's safe return. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194 demands that the State of Israel not interfere with the safe return of Palestinians to their homes and lands, with compensation.

After nearly 60 years, the Zionist occupation, land theft and the world's longest standing refugee problem, continue.

UN resolutions meant to protect humanity from predatory countries, have been ignored in the case of Israel' on a regular basis. Resolution 194 has been reaffirmed more than 130 times during the years of our nakba, yet the Zionist State of Israel has been exempt from any UN actions against its flouting of international law largely because of US government support.

The Zionist State of Israel came into being on the premise that the Palestinian people must be removed from the face of their own land forever. This genocidal plan is carried out by a process of ethnic elimination. The results of this can be seen in the devastation they continue to inflict on the people and landscape of The Gaza Strip, the expansion of colonial settlements into the West Bank and elsewhere, the demolition of entire Palestinian villages in the Naqab southern region of Palestine, and the continual confiscation of land and demolition of homes elsewhere in central and northern Palestine.

The recent meetings in Washington DC and Annapolis Maryland called by US president GW Bush and Secretary of State Condoliza Rice, to much fanfare, resulted in exposing the clear intention by the US government and Zionist regime to wipe the Palestinian Right of Return out of existence by whatever means necessary.

On December 12, 2007, US Secretary of State Condoliza Rice and Ehud Olmert from the Zionist State of Israel, are again expected to attempt to impose the Final Solution upon the Palestinian people – by putting the Right of Return up for auction as a bargaining chip even though this right cannot be negotiated away.

The people who live in Palestine and in the Shatat (forced exile) continue their struggle to return and regain their homeland. Our individual and collective Right to Return to a free Palestine is sacred, legal and non-negotiable. We will not stop our struggle to return and invite all people of good will to join us.

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AL-AWDA'S DIARY:

◆ Alternative Focus Video Contest deadline: March 1, 2008.

◆ 6th International Al-Awda Convention: May 16-18 2008

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PALESTINE!

Support The Right of Palestinians To Return Home To A Free Palestine

In May of 1948, with the support of the governments of Britain, other European powers and the United States, Zionists launched an attack on Palestine. They occupied our land and forcibly expelled three quarters of a million of our people. This continues to be the great catastrophe, the Nakba, which we, as Palestinians with our supporters have been struggling to overcome since that time.

This coming year the 6th Annual International Al-Awda Convention will commemorate this devastating event and will re-affirm our commitment to the ongoing struggle for the right of Palestinians to return to their homes and land. The convention, which is already expected to draw large participation with several outstanding speakers, panels and cultural events to be announced later, will take place on the week-end of May 16-18, 2008 in Anaheim California on the 60th year of the Nakba.

We are asking our readers and supporters to help us raise the funds needed to make our work this coming year more effective, and to tell the world that our struggle is far from over.

- With our year-long program of educational events commemorating the Nakba, and leading up to the Annual Convention, now only 5 months away,

- With the establishment of the Palestine Library and Palestine Media Center at the Al-Awda Center in Carlsbad California together with other developing programs,

- With the refugee support work for our people stranded on the borders of Iraq, the Gaza Strip and family scholarship and healthcare programs in Deheisha refugee camp,

- And as we gear up to start producing and widely distributing a print form of this newsletter to our friends and supporters,

We urge you to make a contribution to Al-Awda. You can do so in several ways:

- By shopping for a donation at <http://al-awdaca.org/shop.html>. We have an extraordinary selection of educational materials on the Palestinian struggle, history and culture.

- By making a monetary contribution. Simply go to <http://al-awda.org/donate.html> and follow the instructions.

- By becoming an Al-Awda Sustainer by donating a given amount of money, that you decide on, once a month or once a year.

As Eid el Adha, Christmas, and other holidays approach, Al-Awda would like to take this time to Thank You for the steadfastness of your support. Our work could not be done without you.

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Palestinian Youth Network – Founding Conference

By Until Return Youth Correspondent

The founding conference of the Palestinian Youth Network was held in Paris, France from November 21 to November 30, 2007. Young Palestinians from all over the world came for the same purpose, to work together for justice, freedom, and the right to return to our homeland in Palestine.

Over 120 young Palestinians were expected to join the conference. However, due to visa difficulties only a 100 youth, coming from 28 countries around the world, met in France. We came from South and North America, Europe, Australia, the Arab World and both sides of the “Green Line” in Occupied Palestine.

During the 10 days of the conference we lived under one roof, waking up, talking, breathing and discussing Palestine. The schedule started every day from 8:30 am and we would take part in lec-

tures, workshops, and discussion groups. The sessions ended by 9:00 pm every night.

This initiative gives Palestinian youth the chance to revitalize the 60 year-long Palestinian struggle and ensure that our voices are being heard and not marginalized; it is an opportunity for the world to know that the young generation has not forgotten Palestine and that we will devote ourselves to work for every single one of our rights, foremost of which is our right to return.

The experience was phenomenal and every single one of the participants added their own personal touch to the foundation of the network. The conference was concluded in the streets of Paris on the 29th of November to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The final statement issued at the end of the conference is published on the next page.

Report: Baqaa and Gaza Camps in Jordan

By Until Return Reporter in Jordan

Baqaa Refugee Camp is one of 10 refugee camps in Jordan. Four of these were created after the 1948 Nakba and six after the 1967 Naksa.

Baqaa was one of the camps created after the 1967 Naksa. It is located 20 km's north of the capital city Amman. Baqaa camp is the largest Palestinian refugee camp with an estimated population of 180,000 people. According to UNRWA, the agency runs 16 schools, 2 health clinics, and one women and child healthcare center.

Baqaa Refugee Camp reports high poverty and unemployment rates. In addition to that, it is clearly noted that the sewage,

garbage, and maintenance services are extremely poor as shown in the attached pictures with this article. (visit <http://www.al-awda.org/until-return/baqagaza.html>)

However the situation in Baqaa Camp is much better in comparison to other camps such as Gaza Camp located in Jerash which was also created after 1967 Naksa.

In Gaza Camp, UNRWA runs four schools and three doctors for a population of 28,000 people. Unlike other Palestinians living in Jordan, those in Gaza Camp are only eligible to temporary two-year Jordanian passports which do not provide basic civil rights such as the right to employment or to vote.

The women we met from Gaza Camp explained the harsh financial, health, and living conditions the people are facing. The percentage of disabilities noticed in the few houses this reporter visited was extremely high and shocking. Most families have been waiting for years to get financial support to renovate the room or two they call home. Several of the houses we visited were preparing dinner which included old bread pieces soaked in a bowl of water.



Final statement of the Palestinian Youth Network Foundation Conference

We Palestinian youth in Palestine and in the Diaspora believe in our right to return to our homeland and the justice of our cause. In light of the current critical conditions that threaten our national rights we recognize the importance of the active and civil participation of our people in confronting the challenges against us and to enhance our role and responsibilities to define our vision for the future.

One hundred Palestinian youths from 28 countries convened in Vendome, France for ten days, where they discussed the concerns and difficulties they face and agreed on the following:

·First: Emphasizing the Palestinian national principles and rights, foremost among them the right of return; the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital.

·Second: Recognizing that the Palestinian Liberation Organiza-

tion (PLO) is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, as well as the importance of restructuring the PLO and reactivating its institutions in Palestine and the Diaspora.

·Third: Calling for the unity of the Palestinian people and strengthening the role of the Palestinians in the Diaspora.

·Fourth: Supporting the Palestinian people living under occupation and apartheid who remain steadfast in the face of insurmountable obstacles through different international solidarity activities.

·Fifth: The importance of enhancing the contribution of the Palestinian youth in national decision making processes.

After intense and lengthy debates and discussion, the group decided to announce the establishment of the Palestinian Youth Network (PYN) as one of the arms of the Palestinian struggle. Initial by-laws

were declared upon establishment that organizes the network's functions and action plans, which is an important element in the struggle of our Palestinian people for the coming period. The final version of the by-laws shall be finalized during the second conference of the network

The conference concluded by commemorating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People with a peaceful demonstration in Paris in support of the struggle of Palestinians. French and international organizations in solidarity with the Palestinians as well as important Palestinian figures and the General Union of Palestinian Students in France participated in the demonstration.

Our struggle will continue until we are granted our right to return to our homeland

Palestinian Youth Network, Paris – France.



Support The Convention With Your Sponsorship

To help with venue-associated costs, speaker travel and accommodation, mobilization, advertising, student participation etc., we welcome individual and organizational sponsorship of Al-Awda's Sixth Annual International Convention as follows:

Bronze - \$100
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Diamond - \$2000

Please send your sponsorship donation to:

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CULTURAL ACTIVISM - Part II

by Nader Abuljebain
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Palestinians in the United States are a unique immigrant population. While Palestinians came to Latin America more than one hundred years ago, most of that population in the United States consists of those who came here after being forced from our ancestral lands and homes and livelihood by the Zionist invaders. We all came seeking refuge, some to integrate themselves into US life, others to await the time when they could return and some to struggle to demand the Right to Return to our homeland, closed off to us by the Zionist theft and settler occupation of our lands and homes. We are the only group of immigrants to the US who have been expelled from our country of origin due to the Euro/US imperial imposition of the Zionist State of Israel, creating an anti-Arab, anti-Muslim settler state in the Arab world.



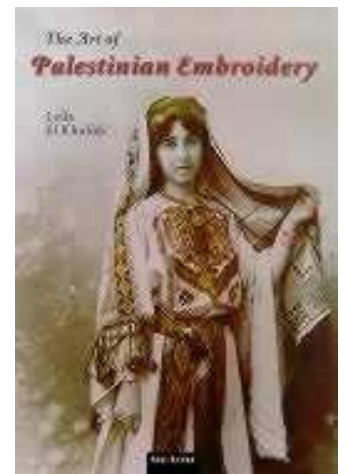
Most Palestinians in the US have become well integrated into the economy and the larger society. The positive aspect of this is that we have a very high level of education and a generally high level of economic stability. Most of us have become further educated, established families and opened businesses, participate in the arts and sciences and other professions or have settled into whatever stability remains in blue collar jobs. On the other hand, we all wrestle with our ability to maintain our language and cul-

ture and the narrative of our expulsion, since the Zionist narrative dominates US culture. Therefore we must struggle in exile, as our sisters and brothers at home struggle, for our right to be, as Palestinian Arabs, in our own country.

In certain parts of the US we live in clusters of relatively high Palestinian populations. Others are scattered across the country. Those of us in high cluster areas have more connection to our shared culture and language. As Right of Return activists a key task is to bridge the gaps. One of the models we can study is the US Mexican community. Mexicans cannot be classified as immigrants in the traditional sense, since they were the original inhabitants of the US Southwest and victims of the Spanish Conquest of their lands and they are free to return or go back and forth to their country at will. They comprise a much larger group than Palestinians and are most prevalent in California and much of the South West, although that is changing as they move across the country in search of jobs. Leaders of the Mexican community dealt with the problem of separation by organizing across the US on the basis of the Mexican states from where the people came. So there is, as only one example, an organization for all the people from the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, wherever they live in the US. They have created local and national structures, share resources, organize youth groups, social service networks, music, dance and literary networks, national fiestas and political actions (note the massive national May Day 2005 turnout for immigrant rights). In this way the language and culture of Mexico is preserved as part and par-

cel of the Mexican community of the Americas, and helps to fight for their rights as residents of the US.

Palestinians in the US are finding their own way in this matter, while taking a page from the book of Mexicans living in this part of the Americas. In areas where Palestinians live in close proximity we should be encouraged to form cultural centers that relate to the village, town or city from which we were expelled, to preserve the heritage of that locality, and create branches of the same society, wherever similar communities exist, in order to build networks that can be transferred to the future generations and enriching the Palestinian narrative.



For all of us the issue of Return is primary. There are many cultural projects related to Return and refugee support that such community centers could undertake, such as Arabic lessons for adults and children that utilize educational material derived from the history of Palestine; establishing Arab and Palestinian literature libraries; organize children's written and artistic contests around Palestinian themes, including the subject of Return; children need to be encouraged to write book reports for social studies or composition classes

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CULTURAL ACTIVISM - Part II—Continued

on subjects related to Arab Palestinian history and heritage. Many grade schools do this as part of their social studies classes and we should learn to take advantage of all opportunities to show off our foods, clothing, poetry and music.

What makes the preservation of the culture so difficult for those living in exile in the US, is the relentless commodification of US life. This affects not only everyone living here, including Palestinians, but threatens our Arab birthright.

Our tasks are many. We need to continue to commemorate Palestinian national occasions by drafting declarations, holding seminars, art exhibitions and performances, and public gatherings. A most crucial type of organized cultural activism is the collection, recording and publicizing of personal testimonies and orally transmitted memories of the Nakba period as remembered by its survivors who reside in our US communities. Studies put the number of surviving Palestinians who experienced the Nakba at 10 percent of the Palestinian people. We are now in the very last years when recording the experiences of people who lived in Palestine before 1948 is still possible. Collecting testimonials, at least at the earliest stages of the process, does not require a lot of training and could be carried out by activists from all age groups. Oral testimonies help create solidarity among Palestinian refugees and individuals and groups. That solidarity could lead to further political action in support of the refugees and their rights. Personal testimonials by refugees could be utilized in various information and advocacy campaigns, as primary resources. An example of how this has been an effective

tool by our Latino sisters and brothers, was recording the testimonies of Central American refugees to the US during the US proxy wars, using them in advocacy campaigns in support of the peoples of Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Much work in the area of Palestinian culture has been done over the past ten years. Hardly a month goes by now without an event by Palestinians in the US bringing indigenous Palestinian and Arab music, art, plays, and dance groups to local and national attention. More and more of these events have been well reviewed by the mainstream media and well received by the public. Many books have been written about Palestinian life, both fiction and non-fiction and poetry. Film and video have become very effective tools for political organizing, many advocating Palestinian rights in Palestine and the US. The question of Palestine is very much on the agenda in the US, thanks to the work of activist/artists. Until a few years ago many people in the US had never heard of the Right of Return, it was never discussed in the media and the authentic voice of Palestinians was rarely heard. This has changed as we begin to take back and reform our own narrative. At the level of the mainstream media, this interest in Right of Return is barely visible, but that only serves to emphasize that the broadening of awareness of the importance of Right of Return is a victory of Palestinians in our own communities. In the process we are also learning self-reliance in the Shatat (Forced Exile) as well as in the larger society.

The imposed imperial Zionist narrative, using certain words and terms, has been implanted in

our thoughts and language and has affected how we present ourselves. It will continue to be imposed and we must continue to learn to use our own words. Here are a few examples:

ARAB NATIONS: We are not different nations but one nation in different countries, we are **ARAB COUNTRIES.**

DIASPORA: This is a term the Zionists use to label their voluntary movement in the world without ethnic extermination, while to Palestinians the forced expulsion was due to massacres and under the gun, as a deliberate tool of European imperialism. Although the word Diaspora is used by many activists and academics, it is a wrong use, and the term for us to use is **FORCED EXILE.**

ETHNIC CLEANSING: The term Ethnic Cleansing which is being commonly used must be changed to Ethnic Eradication or Extermination, since there is nothing clean about eradicating and uprooting population from their homeland, but rather it is a dirty and criminal act.

FIRST & SECOND INTIFADA: These are incorrect terms, since the 1987 Intifada, and Al Aqsa Intifada, are not the First and Second. The Palestinian resistance has sparked many Intifadas since the 18th century within and outside Palestine against the Turks, British, Zionists, and also against Arab Governments, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It has been ongoing for almost 400 years of invasions and occupations. Therefore the proper identifying term is **1987 INTIFADA** and **AL AQSA INTIFADA**, following Intifada AL BURAQ INTIFADA of 1929, or 1936 revolt, or Daher Al Omar rebellion of the 18th century, or the anti-Mohammad

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CULTURAL ACTIVISM - Part II—Continued

Ali campaign in the 19th Century.

ISRAELI ARABS: There is no such category. These people are our brothers and sisters who are living under the 1948 occupation. They are not 'Israeli Arabs' we should call them **OUR PEOPLE OF THE 1948 ARAB-EAS.**

JEWISH/ARAB OR JEWISH/PALESTINIAN: Our conflict is not with the Jews, but with the Zionists and Israel. This conflict should be stated as **ARAB/ZIONIST CONFLICT** or **PALESTINIAN/ISRAELI CONFLICT.**

MAHSOM: This is a word heard lately from our brothers and sisters of 1967 areas, which means Road Block in Hebrew. As Palestinians and activists, we should never use the Israeli terminology, so as not to legitimize the occupation translation.

MIDDLE EAST: This an old colonial term, used by the British and the French who measured their Asian colonies according to their distance from Britain and France. They were called Near East, Middle East, Far East. These terms include non-Arab countries (Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and 'Israel'), and excludes two thirds of the Arab world, which is in Africa. We should use the **ARAB WORLD** for political discussion, while geographically; we should use **WESTERN ASIA, NORTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA.**

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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES & DISPUTED TERRITORIES: These areas should be identified as **THE 1948 OCCU-**

PATION and/or 1967 OCCUPATION, and we should never use the term **DISPUTED** because the territories are not disputed, but occupied in 1948, and/or 1967.

PALESTINE-ISRAEL: When visiting our country, some people say they have been to Palestine. When asked if they visited Jaffa, they reply, no, we visited Palestine only, we went to Ramallah, as if Jaffa no longer Palestine and the only Palestine is what's left of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Right Of Return AND Right To Return: Whenever we talk about **THE RIGHT OF RETURN,** we should stress the **RIGHT TO RETURN,** to be clear that Return it is not only a **RIGHT** but it also needs to be implemented.



SETTLEMENTS: Mostly settlements are formed when an empty area is found and people settle in it, which is not the case in our situation, because those are **COLONIES** and not **SETTLEMENTS.** However, these 'settlements' go beyond colonization to actual war crimes as defined by the 4th Geneva Convention

United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), although this agency has done much good humanitarian work for the Palestinian Refugees, from health, to education, to social work, to employment, etc... The danger of forming such an agency outside of

UNHCR, the United Nations Higher Committee for the Refugees, (initially formed to take care of Jewish Refugees after the Nazi persecution) which later extended its work to the rest of other world refugees. The intent to separate the Palestinian refugee issue from the Refugee issue in general following WWII was not to consider them in the same category as Jewish refugees, so as to avoid the connection between those who peopled the stolen land of Zionist settler state (ending the European Jewish refugee problem) and those (the Palestinians) who were forcibly expelled from their homeland.

In refining and more precisely defining our thought processes, we are restoring and expressing our narrative on our terms in our collective voice.

The presentation and the preservation of our culture in the shatat (forced exile) has played an important part in the political struggles of our people sometimes under conditions beyond our control, as the US manipulates and tries to usurp our leadership in the homeland, causing confusion and dissension among us. But we persevere. We have raised the issue of our sisters and brothers suffering and resisting in the refugee camps of our own land, inside our own Zionist occupied country. We have been able to present the plight of our people in Zionist prisons, through films, poems and lectures. Through power point presentations, films, and plays we have made known the conditions of Palestinian refugees in Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine. The Palestinian refugees who were living in Iraq are either being assassinated or living in a disastrous situation in tents' camps

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on the Iraqi-Jordanian and Syrian borders. The Palestinian community in Lebanon is being politically, economically and socially smothered and devastated.

The living situation in the refugee camps of Gaza is desperate as the Zionists starve, bomb and otherwise murder our children as collective punishment for carrying out their vaunted 'democratic elections', now being nullified because the election results were not to their liking. For almost 2 years our people have been continuously punished for their resistance. The West Bank is in the process of being overwhelmed and walled out by Zionist settlers. They need all our support, which includes the necessity of making their plight known to the public every single day. The political situation of the Iraqi refugees is a disaster as millions have been forced to leave as the US occupation destroys their ancient land. There is only one solution: the return of all refugees to their homes in Palestine and Iraq or anywhere else on this earth. Return is both an individual and collective right. Whether or not we as individuals return to live in the homeland, it is our right to make that decision. We can return to our lands for any length of time we so desire, we can leave our properties or pass them on to our children, it is and will always be our inherent right. It can never be negotiated away. Our duty, is to make certain this happens-- sooner rather than later-- by all the means available to us..

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Al-Awda has many activist/cultural programs that other communities can emulate. Below are only a few examples:

We now have a Palestine Media

Center based in Southern California. We have established in partnership with Alternate Focus, also San Diego-based, and for the third year, we are sponsoring an International Film Contest about the Palestine struggle, with awards, recognition and international distribution of the winning films. We also have a training project in this collaboration to teach videography to anyone who wants to learn.



A new feature to be added to the program of the Al-Awda 6th Annual International Convention, which will take place in Anaheim California on May 16-18, 2008, will be a Video Quilt as part of the commemoration of the Nakba and the 60 year resistance of our people. We will collectively create this Video Quilt to demonstrate that among Palestinian refugees and their many supporters there remains a strong united voice for the Right of Return. We will stitch together the voices of refugees and this Video Quilt will be premiered at the convention.

We have sponsored music and dance troops from Palestine and most recently sponsored the Marcel Khalife concert as a part of his North American Tour. His appearance in San Diego sparked controversy around a venue that refused the concert, after taking our deposit for the full payment six months earlier, and then canceling on the grounds that Al-Awda was being divisive by not including an Is-

raeli artist for 'balance'. We found another venue quickly for the very successful concert. However, the controversy made headlines around the world, and gave us the opportunity to talk about our work specifically our advocacy for the Palestinian Refugees Right to Return on radio, television and in newspaper interviews, making this concert the perfect example of the melding of artistic activist work, and showing how the two are inseparable.

One of our most important innovations to date is the start up of a Palestine Library at our national Center in Carlsbad, CA. It will become a repository for a wide variety of publications that deal with the struggle for Palestinian return and liberation. The library will also serve as a repository of Al-Awda Center's multimedia educational materials related to various aspects of Palestine, its people and Arab culture. The library is an important addition to the educational materials which are available online via Al-Awda's websites.

This is just a sampling of the cultural political work being done by the Palestinian community and our allies. We invite all our readers to share with us the unique ways which you find to make our work more effective. We can be reached at media@al-awda.org



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Important Dates in Palestinian Arab History

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The following is a compilation of important dates and events in Palestinian Arab History for the month of January. We will include compilations for additional months in following issues of this newsletter.

JANUARY

January 1: Modern Palestinian Revolution

1917 British troops enter Palestine through Rafah. Reach Jerusalem December.

1919 January 3 agreement between Hashemite King Faisal and Chaim Weizman - border separation between the Arab state and Palestine, Balfour Declaration, and Zionist immigration to Palestine. Rejected by Palestinians.

1919 January 27 First Palestinian National Congress. Conference produces first National Charter. Sends two memoranda to Peace Conference, Versailles France, rejecting British mandate, Balfour Declaration, and Zionist immigration to Palestine. Demands full Palestinian independence. Calls for unity of Palestine and Syria and refers to Palestine as Southern Syria. Sends delegation to Damascus in support of Arab Government.

1932 January 1-4 First Arab Youth Conference in Jaffa. Chaired by Issa Al Bandak.

1935 January 25 Jerusalem First Conference for Muslim Clergy.

1949 January 7 Internationally imposed ceasefire.

1950 January 23 Israel declares Jerusalem capital in defiance of U.N.

1956 Many Israeli attacks and raids on Syria.

1956 January 19 UNSC #111 condemns Israel for raid on Syria killing 56 civilians.

1958 January 22 UNSC #127 recommends Israel suspend no-man's zone in Jerusalem.

1979 January 19 UNSC # 444 deplors Israel's lack of cooperation with U.N. peace force.

1982 US vetoes UNSC resolution demanding Israel's withdrawal from Golan Heights (Vote: 10 to 1 with 4 abstentions).

1985 January 3 Start of Flasha immigration campaign from Ethiopia to Tel Aviv via Sudan.

1986 January 17 US vetoes UNSC resolution deploring Israel's violence in southern Lebanon (Vote: 11 to 1 - 3 abstentions).

1986 January 30 US vetoes UNSC resolution deploring Israel's activities that threaten sanctity of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem. (Vote: 13 to 1 with 1 abstention).

1989 January 12 UNSC grants PLO right to speak directly to the council as "Palestine" on same level as UN member nation.

1992 January 6 UNSC #726 condemns Israel's decision "to resume deportation of Palestinians from the Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem."

1992 January 13-16: 3rd round of talks in Washington between Israel and separate Jordanian & Palestinian delegations. Palestinians propose autonomous Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with 180 elected officials managing 5-year transition to full independence. Syria asks for evacuation of Golan. Israel asks for explicit Syrian recognition.

1993 January 19 Knesset revokes 1986 law prohibiting contact with PLO. Secret negotiations between PLO and Israel begin in Sappsborg, Norway.

1996 January 20 first Palestinian elections in West Bank and Gaza Strip for 88 members of Palestinian Legislative Council and Palestinian National Authority president. Intimidation by Israel in Jerusalem. Elsewhere turnout high. Central Election Committee: 73% in West Bank, 88% in Gaza Strip. Many strong independent candidates elected to Council including Dr. Haidar 'Abd al-Shafi who received highest number of votes of any candidate. Ran on anti-Oslo platform in PNA's 'capital' and Gaza City. Fatah wins 68 seats total (47 official, 21 unofficial). Others: 12 secular-nonaffiliated, 7 Islamist & 1 secular party.

1996 January 1 off-duty Israeli soldier fires on Hebron central market, injuring 8 Palestinians.

1997 January 15 Netanyahu promises to implement promised partial pullout from Hebron, West Bank.

2001 January 21 Talks begin at Taba, Egypt; Israel claims increases in territorial "offer" while Palestinians submit draft article on refugees. Israel provides "private response".

2002 January 14 Israel prohibits PA ministers from attending London conference on Palestinian reform.

2003 January 25, 26 Israel launches attacks on Gaza City's Zaytun district kills 14. Massacres committed by Israeli troops in Gaza Strip (January-June, October and December), and Rafah (December).

2006 January 25, Second Palestinian Legislative Council election. Hamas wins majority of seats. Forms PA cabinet as requested.

Sources of information: Dr. Salman Abu Sitta, Nizar Sakhnini, <http://www.al-awda.org>, <http://www.passia.org>, <http://www.middleeastreference.org>, <http://www.aljazeera.net>, and <http://www.jerusalemfund.org>

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Report on Third Al-Awda West Coast Regional Conference

By Until Return Southern California Reporter

The Third Al-Awda West Coast Regional Conference was held on December 1, 2007 at Al-Awda's Center in Carlsbad, California.

The purpose of the conference was to work on the organization of the upcoming 6th Annual International Al-Awda Convention which will take place on the 60th year of the Nakba May 16-18, 2007 in Anaheim California.

This convention is happening at an important juncture in our struggle to reclaim and return to our homeland, as Zionist and US efforts intensify to negotiate away and deny our natural, inalienable and non-negotiable right to return to our homes and land.

The convention will commemorate the Zionist-imposed Nakba on our people starting 60 years ago and it will honor all those who struggled and continue to struggle to return and regain our land: our women, men and children.

Al-Awda members came from southern and northern California, Oregon and Arizona. Among those present were representatives of the convention's host committee (see partial listing at [\[awda.org/convention6/hosts.html\]\(http://awda.org/convention6/hosts.html\)\). Also in attendance were representatives from AN-SWER, Troops Out Now Coalition, Alternate Focus TV, and other solidarity organizations.](http://al-</p>
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The conference attendees agreed to make education a key component of the convention's program. Topics will include modern history, current affairs, the democratic secular state model, the parallels with the former South African apartheid regime, and the current status of refugees. Additionally, several specialty workshops will be organized in order to continue and extend Al-Awda's ongoing projects and programs.

Participants at the conference also shared their ideas on how to develop further outreach and fundraising efforts in the lead-up to the convention. Several regional action committees related to these aspects of the convention were set up.

As part of the commemoration of the 60th year of al-Nakba, a rally is being organized for the last day of the convention.

The meeting also discussed the organizing of local events leading up to and following the convention.

Finally, progress reports were presented followed by discussion on the development of Al-Awda's other important ongoing west coast regional, national and international projects such as Refugee Support, the Palestine Library and the Palestine Media Center. As part of the Refugee Support report, a short film was shown on how funds we raised recently were used to help our people in the detention camps along the Iraq border and in the Yarmouk refugee camp in Syria.

As a commemoration of the 60 years of al-Nakba, the 6th Annual Al-Awda International Convention must be, and will be a major forum for Palestinians, and their supporters to tell the world:

We exist. We remember. We struggle on. We will never forget. We will Return!

For regular updates on the program and organizing of the 6th Annual Al-Awda International Convention, please visit <http://al-awda.org/convention6/index.html>.

To support the convention with your sponsorship, go to <http://al-awda.org/convention6/sponsor.html>. Any amount that you donate to help defray costs will be appreciated!

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Israel--Above the Law? or No Law

by Dr. Jess Ghannam
Al Aw da, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition

A special report from UN Special Rapporteur for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights Martin Scheinin has released findings about the nature of Israel's counter-terrorism actions against Palestinians. His conclusion is less than surprising:

In the report, the Special Rapporteur finds serious incompatibilities between Israel's counter-terrorism laws and practices and Israel's international human rights obligations. Among his conclusions and recommendations are the following:

* "not all acts of violence committed against an occupying power, particularly when violence is targeted at military forces of an occupying power, amount to acts of terrorism." [para. 3]

* "All legislation, regulations and military orders must comply with the requirements of the principle of legality. Having achieved those requirements, the enactment by the Knesset of this new [counter-terrorism] legislation should be accompanied by a repeal or revocation of all current counter-terrorism legislation, regulations and military orders." [para. 55]

* "[The incompatibilities of Israeli law and practice include those related to] the prohibition of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; the right to life and humanitarian law principles concerning legitimate targeting; the right to liberty and fair trial; and the severe impact of the construction of the barrier in the West Bank and associated measures on the enjoyment of

civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights and freedoms in the OPT." [para.54]



* "Given the illegality under international law of the existence and continued development of Jewish settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Special Rapporteur recommends that a decision be made immediately to withdraw all such settlements." [para. 59]

* "To replace the still unfinished barrier, extending deep into Palestinian territory, with a security infrastructure that respects the Green Line or is otherwise accepted by the Palestinians." [para. 59]

(ref to full report: <http://www.un.org/welibrary/unhrc/index.asp>)



The conclusions are well known to Palestinians, the world community, and people committed to justice and the rule of law.

Israel continues to operate outside the law, violate international law, and engage in practices that promote apartheid. Clearly, Israel is not a nation of laws that promote equality and international justice. Rather, it is more like an illegal colonial settler outpost with a formidable military and nuclear weapons. It

does what it wants, when it wants and does so with impunity. The atrocities in Gaza are the clearest reflection of this impunity and disregard for the law. In just the last week, the Israeli military continued its murderous rampage against the civilian population Gaza, a collective punishment of 1.5 million men, women, and children whose only crime is a desire for freedom and self-determination.

At a most basic level of humanity, Israel rejects the reality of Palestinians. A 2 week old Palestinian baby born with a heart defect was denied this week the possibility of leaving Gaza for treatment. Almost certainly, this baby will die because of willful neglect. Clearly a 2 week old Palestinian baby with a heart defect is a security threat to Israel. But for Israel, every Palestinian is a security threat if they breathe and demand freedom.

In that case, anyone in the entire world that cries for freedom and justice for all is a security threat to Israel. Freedom and justice are threatening to Israel because it thrives on denial, racism, and a continuation of its mission--the creation of a land without Arabs, without Palestinians, and without memory of its past.

Palestinians are dying in Gaza. Israel continues to limit food, water, and medicine and choke the life from all Palestinians. And the world watches.



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Al-Awda Phoenix Founding Event

Introduction by Until Return: Several months ago, a new chapter of Al-Awda was formed in Sacramento California. Since that time, the Sacramento chapter has held several events including a lecture and fundraiser related to the health situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as two teach-ins with film screening on the 2006 attack on Lebanon.

We are pleased to report that a second new chapter of our organization is currently being established in Phoenix Arizona. The following description of the first community event held by Al-Awda Phoenix, followed by a short account of the chapter's history and immediate plans was provided to us by Marwan Ahmad, a founder and coordinator of the chapter.

Al-Awda Phoenix Founding Event

by Marwan Ahmad, Al-Awda Phoenix

Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, has established its Phoenix Chapter and invited the community to its first social activity. Al-Awda organized a picnic in the Tempe area. Al-Awda an organization that promotes the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and lands in historical Palestine has established a local presence.

This picnic was called for by Al-Awda Phoenix that invited members from the Muslim and Arab community in the Valley to join their first community activity. This picnic was to introduce the organization to community members and inform them on Al-Awda and its goals and mission.

The turnout "was bigger than what we expected" said Marwan Ahmad the local Chapter Coor-

inator. "We expected a few families and we got over a hundred mostly Palestinians attending the picnic." Ahmad added.

When we arrived at Kiwanis Park there was a number of signs directing us to the gathering at the picnic area and on one of the signs was a Palestinian flag to get people's attention, which did. The first part of the picnic was more like getting to know people and meeting new faces who came from all over the Valley. Many people brought with them food to share with others. Everything smelled good and we could not wait for lunchtime. One of



the organizers made an announcement for women and children to start serving food then came the men's turn. Luckily some food was left for men to eat. They helped themselves to lunch that included a vast variety of dishes.

After lunch, organizers asked people to gather, and Marwan Ahmad gave a brief introduction about Al-Awda. Marwan Ahmad started by welcoming community members who gathered to listen and learn about the local Al-Awda Chapter. Al-Awda is a non-partisan, educational, charitable organization that calls for the rights of

Palestinian refugees to their homes in Palestine according to International law, Human rights and United Nations resolutions. It consists of independent activists who seek to educate the public about refugees rights as human beings.

Then Ahmad introduced Hani Rahal who spoke about Al-Awda's ways to involve the community in the important task of supporting Palestinian refugees. He stressed the need to educate kids and youth on the right of return and the Palestinian history and struggle.

The picnic continued after the presentation and people scattered into groups. Some went to playgrounds, some played sports and others enjoyed a cup of tea. Some stayed until early evening before they gathered their belongings and headed home.

Brief history and future plans

Al-Awda Phoenix established its new chapter in November 2007 and elected a board of 5 officers on an interim basis for one year term and one member as a coordinator with national Al-Awda organization.

Our first activity was a community picnic that drew over 100 members from the community on November 25th.

Our immediate plans include the following:

In January we will show Occupation 101 documentary at Arizona State University.

In February we will have a seminar and community discussion on peace conference.

In March we are planning to hold a community banquet to commemorate Day of the Land.



Third Annual World Video Contest

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Al-Awda Alternate Focus Third Annual Worldwide Video Contest

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Al-Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, and Alternate Focus are dedicated to presenting the unheard voice of the Palestinian people to the American public.

In the past two years we were privileged to view video film submissions by videographer activists exploring the lives of the Palestinian people, their heroism and their resistance under the Zionist occupation of their land. Each year winners were chosen out of many entries by our panel of judges. The quality of submissions was very high, and many of the films have since found their way on cable television and around the world.

By popular demand, we are now calling for submissions for the Third Annual Worldwide Video Contest.

This is an opportunity for videographer activists to see their work on television and distributed on DVD's worldwide, while advancing the cause of Palestinian return and self-determination.

The winning entries will also be screened at the 6th Annual International Al Awda Convention

which will take place May 16-18, 2008 on the 60th year of Al Nakba in Anaheim, California.

Additionally, cash prizes will be awarded to the finalists: First prize \$500.00; Second prize \$300.00; Third prize \$100.00

A panel of Al-Awda and Alternate Focus judges will view all submissions.

For further information, and for the video contest submission form, please see the flyer posted at: <http://al-awda.org/pdf/awdafilm.pdf>

Please detach the form and return it with your video submission to:

Al-Awda and Alternate Focus Video Contest
2734 Loker Avenue West Suite K
Carlsbad, CA 92011, U.S.A.

Tape and DVD submissions may be in any format and any length.

Thank you and good luck!

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Palestine Quiz - U.S Support of Israel

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Take the online quiz and find the answers to these questions and many more. Visit:

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*Rhythms Unheard**

by Aida Hasan

Force me into darkness
Will me into silence
with ignorance and hate
Lose me with false images
Paint over me with lies



But understand
I will not shadow walk
I will not stay here in darkness
while you weave this tapestry of despise

Because
I walk with the rhythms of my people
The ebb and flow of despair and fortitude
grief then strength
loss then victory
darkness then sun

From beneath the rubble I will emerge
My Palestinian blood courses with fervor
Over 50 years of occupation, we will not sit down
Generations of oppression, we will not forget
I am taken by this rhythm
It breathes life into stagnation, hope into doubt
Truth into falsity, courage into fear
Dust myself off and move again
against the mighty roars of injustice



There must be no room for oppression
no room for violence
no room for blind eyes
and unheard cries

Listen to my melody
Feel the rhythms of my people
They walk to a beat you still have not heard.



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**This poem was first published in "The World Healing Book", Beyond Borders, 2002*

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About Al-Awda

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Our aims and objectives are:

To raise awareness in our communities concerning the human and legal rights of Palestinian refugees.

To foster relationships with the media to help with the effort of educating the community of the human and legal rights of Palestinian refugees.

To educate elected representatives on the grave implications resulting from the continuing violations of numerous human and legal rights of Palestinians, and how we can effect change.

To develop and coordinate grassroots and student initiatives for action related to Palestinian refugee rights.

To develop and strengthen links and coordinate efforts with human and civil rights organizations in support of the Palestinian struggle for return, freedom and equality.

To empower refugees with projects that nurture their autonomy and determination to exercise their legal rights, first and foremost their natural right to return to their towns and villages, as supported by international law and United Nations' resolutions.

To provide humanitarian aid to Palestinian refugees.

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For further info write to media@al-awda.org or call 760-685-3243





THE VIDEO QUILT PROJECT

stitching together voices for palestine

"I am a supporter of human rights and I want to see the Palestinian refugees return home" ; "I am from Tabaria. Its my right! I want to go home." ; "I am not Palestinian, but 60 years is too long. Palestinian refugees should be allowed to return home" ; "My home is in Haifa and I want to return" ; "I am a Palestinian. We still hold the key and deed to our home in Lyd. WE WILL return!"

Voices from around the world have over and over supported the right of Palestinian refugees to return home. On the 60th anniversary of Al Nakba, it is time to collect those voices.

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make your voice heard!

For nearly 60 years the Palestinian refugees' right to return to their land and homes of origin has been under attack from various forces that wish to rewrite the past and dictate the present and future of Palestine and its people. Despite these attacks, for nearly 60 years Palestinians and their supporters around the world have remained steadfast in not just supporting this right, but demanding and asserting that it is a right that must be implemented if justice and real peace are to be achieved. These voices unfortunately have all too often been deliberately muffled and fragmented ... It's time to collect these voices -- literally.

On the 60th year of the Nakba we will collectively create a Video Quilt demonstrating that among Palestinian refugees and their many supporters there remains a strong united voice for the Right to Return. This Video Quilt will stitch together the voices of refugees and supporters around the world and will be premiered at the 6th Annual Al-Awda Convention on the 60th year of Al-Nakba. It will be shown online and at various exhibits and venues afterwards. Al-Awda's 6/60 Convention will be held May 16-18, 2008 in Anaheim, California.

In order to create this Video Quilt we need your help. We are looking for video submissions from around the world with SHORT MESSAGES supporting the right to return:

*** Refugees (individuals and groups) affirming they have the right to return or that they WILL return**

*** Activists from around the world (every continent) supporting the right to return**

*** Famous personalities supporting the right to return**

*** Messages from every Al-Awda chapter, and every supporting organization**

*** Messages from student groups**

All messages must be brief-- they should be just one or two short sentences, and these will be "stitched" together and edited to make a short exhibition video on the international support for the right of return. Videos should be submitted by March 31st, 2008 in mini-DV, DVD, or VHS format. (for more tips and info visit: http://al-awda.org/alert-video_quilt2.html)

Please send your video submissions to:

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For those who would like to send their video messages online please send us an email to media@al-awda.org , and we will send you instructions on how to transfer your video in Quicktime format.

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